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FROM 1680 TO 1682

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CHARLES R.

Charles the Second by the grace of god King of Ingland Scotland [France and] Ireland Defender of ye. faith &c to our trusty & well beLoved Wm. Gyfford [ye] Agent for our East India Company on the Coast of Cormondell Bay of Bengalla and Governour of Fort St. George to our trusty & well beLoved Matthias Vincent, Cheif factor for our Said Company at Hugly, to our Trusty & well Beloved Christopher Hatton Cheif factor for our Said Company at Metchlapatam, and to the Agent & Cheifs for our Said Company at ye. Said places for ye. time Being or any other place In India, and to all Commanders Officers Souldiers Mariners and all others Serving our Said Company on Shoare or at Sea unto whom thesse presents or ye. Authenticque Coppies thereof Shall come or be made known Greeting whereas by our Letter of ye. Second of December in ye. one & thertith yeare of Reign under our signett and Sign manuall directed to our Trusty & well beloved Streynsham Master Esqr the Agent for our East India Company on the Coast of Corromandell and Bay of Bengala & Governour of Fort St. George and to other ꝑsons before named (upon Information given to us that William Alley Commander of an Inglish Ship Called ye Expectation of the Burthen of four hundred Tonn or thereabouts in Confederacy with John Smith James Harrington and others of our Inglish Subjects, not regarding our Loyall [*sic*] Charter given and granted to our East India Company in ye Thertenth year of our Reign, and In probabillity to defraud us of our Customs, was designed on a Voyage from Cadiz to Some Ports or places in ye. East Indies, & there to Lade India Commodities and to discharge them In forreign Countries In Europe.) we did require them and every of

them [not ?] to give any assistance Countenance or Incouragement whatsoever unto y^e^ Said William Ally John Smith James Harrinton and all other our Subjects in Confederacy with them or any of them, or that Should in any kind then or hereafter trade or attempt to trade in any ports or places in y^e^ East Indies without y^e^ Licence or ℔mission of our Said East India Company according to y^e^ purport of our Said Charter granted to them. And whereas our Said East India Comp[a | have Since thought good to discharge the Said Streynsham Master from y^e^ Said Imployment and to ordain and Constitute you y^e^ Said William Gyfford their Agent on y^e^ Coast of Choromendell and Bay of Bengalla and Governour of Fort S^t^ George, Thesse are therefore to will & require you & every of you to Looke upon y^e^ Said W^m^ Gifford as the ℔son Imployed and Intrusted by our Said East India Company in y^e^ Command [and] Charge above Said, and that you Be aiding and assisting to him [in all] Things, that may be for the welfaire and Benefitt of our Said East India Company according to Law, and ℔ticularly that you give no assistance Countenance or Incouragement to the ℔sons before named, acting or concerned in y^e^ Said Ship Expectation or to any others that Shall trade into Those parts Contrary to y^e^ Intent and purport of our Said Charter and so we bid you farewell, Given at our Court at Whitehall y^e^ 12^th^: day of Janury 1680 in y^e^ two and therteth year of our Reign, By his Majesties Comand.

L. JENKINS.

The Governour and Company of Merchants of London tradeing to y^e^ East Indies, To All, to whom thesse presents Shall come greeting, Know ye that by vertue of y^e^ Charter of our Soverreign Lord Charles y^e^ Second, by the grace of god of Ingland Scottland France and Ireland King Defender of y^e^ faith &c given and granted to us y^e^ Said Governour and Company bearing Date y^e^ third Day of Aprill, anno Dom: one thousand Six hundred Sixty and one: and in y^e^ therteenth year of his Said Majesties Reign, Wee said Governour & Company reposeing Speciall trust and Confidence in y^e^ fidelity prudence Justice and provident Circumspection of W^m^ Gyfford of London Esq^r^ have made constituted and ordeined, and by thesse pressents doe make constitute and ordein y^e^ Said W^m^ Gyfford to be Agent of and for all our Affaires on the Coast of Choromandell and Bay of Bengalla in the East Indies, and also to be our Governor and Commander In Cheife of our fort of S^t^ George and Town of Maderasapatam in the East Indies and of all and Singular the Forts Territories and Jurisdictions thereof, and of all the forces that now are, or hereafter Shall be Imployed for the Service of us, the us Said Governor and Company in y^e^ Said Fort and Town and the Jurisdiction thereof, The said Will: Gyfford to enter upon y^e^ Agency and Government immediately at his arrivall at Fort S^t^ George aforesaid, and to execute all and every y^e^ powers and authorities thereunto appertaining, and to Continue in y^e^ Exercise of y^e^ Same dureing our pleasure, and untill y^e^ Contrary Thereof shall be Signified under y^e^ Seall of the Said Governour & Company and to the End the Said W^m^ Gyfford may be the better enabled to order & manage all our affaires, we doe by thesse presents constitute and ordein, that Jos Hynmers John Bridger Tymothy Wilkes John Bigrig Elihu Yale Merchants or any Three or more of them Shall from time to time be a Standing Councell to The said W^m^ Gyfford our Agent and Governour, for the manageing all our affaires on y^e^ Coast of Choromondell and Bay of Bengalla, and governing y^e^ Said Fort S^t^ George and Town of Madrasapatam, and we doe hereby give and grant unto our Said Agent and Governour William Gyfford and to our Said Councill aforenamed or y^e^ more part of them, whereof our Said Agent to be alwais one. (The whole Councill being duly Sommoned) full power and authority from time to time to rule and govern all and every our factors and Servants under y^e^ Said Agency, and all the Souldiers and Inhabitants of our Said Fort S^t^ George and Town of Madraspatam, and to administer Lawfull Oaths as occasion shall require, and to doe and ℔form all Such other actions and Things, and to use and exercise all Such other powers and authorities as by his Majesties Royall Charter aforesaid, our Agent Governour and his Councill in their Severall respective places, where wee the Said Governour and Company have any factors or places of Trade, are authorized to doe according to Such Instructions and directions as he the Said William Gyfford our

Agent and Governour and . Councill aforesaid shall from time to time receive under the hands of therteen or more of the Court of Committes of y^e^ Said Company for the time being, whereof the Said Governour or his deputy for the time being to be one, And Wee the Said Governour and Company doe order and require all our factors Servants Officers and Souldiers within the Said Agency and all y^e^ people and Inhabitants of our Said Fort S^t^ George and Town ofMadrasapatam to conform submitt and yeild obedience to him the Said W^m^ Gyfford our Said Agent and Governour accordingly, and for as much as it is all togeather necessary that in Case of the death or removeall of y^e^ Said W^m^ Gyfford before or after his arrivall at Fort S^t^ George, the said Fort and the affaires of our Agency Should be provided for the defence and Government Sooner then at so great a distance wee can be advertised thereof, wee doe therefore by these presents ordain and appoint that in Such Case the fornamed Joseph Hynmers Shall Immediately be and Succeed in y^e^ place and Charge of Agent and Governour upon the arrivall of this years Shipping or any of them at the Fort of S^t^ George aforesaid, and In case of the death or removeall as well of y^e^ said W^m^ Gyfford as of y^e^ Said Joseph Hynmers, then wee doe constitute and appoint M^r^ John Bridger to be Agent and Governour and in Case of his death or removeall the next of degree In Councill, in y^e^ order hereinbefore named to Succeed in y^e^ Said Agency and Government in as full and ample manner and with as Large and Ample powers priviledges and Authorities as are hereby granted to y^e^ Said W^m^ Gyfford, and we doe hereby revoak annull and repeall and make [void] The Commission by us formerly granted under our Large Sealle unto Streynsham Master Esq^r^ bearing date the Sixteenth day of December one Thousand Six hundred Seaventy five to all Intents and purposes whatsoever. And also wee doe hereby revoak annull and make void all other powers and authorities Then and Since granted to him the Said Streynsham Master as our Agent and Governour or by him granted to any other of our Commission Officers or Servants untill the Same Shall be renewed or Confirmed by us or our new constituted Agent W^m^ Gyfford Esq^r^ or in Case of y^e^ Said W^m^ Gyffords death or absence by Such other ℔son as by vertue of this our Commission ought of right to succeed him as aforesaid, In Wittnesse whereof we have hereunto caused the Larger Sealle of y^e^ Said Governour and Company to be put the nine and Twentith day of December in the two and Thertith year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the grace of god of Ingland ScotLand France and Ireland King defender of y^e^ faith &ce. annoq Dñi: 1680.

ROBERT BLACKBORN SEC^TRY^.

Commission and Instructions given by us the Governour and Company of Merchants of London tradeing into y^e^ East Indies unto William Gyfford Esq^r^ constitūd and appointed Governour of Fort S^t^ George and Town of Madraspatam and for Management of all our Affaires on y^e^ Coast of Choromandell and Bay of Bengalla in y^e^ East Indies.

Wee the Said Governour and Company reposeing Speciall Trust and Confidence in you Will. Gyfford Esq^r^ have Chosen and constituted you according to a commission under our Common Sealle bearing even date with thesse presents to be Agent of & for all our affaires on the Coast of Choromondell and Bay of Bengalla in y^e^ East Indies, and Also to be our Governour and Commander in Cheife of our Fort S^t^ George and Town of Madrasapatam in the East Indies, and to enter upon the Saide Imployment Immediately upon your arrivall at Fort S^t^ George afforesaid—

1. First you are Carefully your Selfe to observe all Such orders rules and directions as have Been heretofore or Shall hereafter from time to time transmitted from us under the hands of therteen of or more of y^e^ Court of Committees of y^e^ East India Company, whereof the Governour or his Deputy for y^e^ time Being to be one, or to your Selfe in perticular, or to our Agent and Councill, and you are also to take Care that all others in their Severall places doe observe and Conforme to y^e^ Same, and In management of all our affaires and the government and dispensation of all our factors and Servants you are to mind observe and Act Impartially according to our

directions in our generall Letters and as may be most for our Service without favour fear or other respect on accompt of any private or ℔ticular recommendation or advises from any whomsoever ℔ticularly recommended to your Selfe.

2. That the printed directions made the 18th: December 1667 herewith delivered you for the Christian and sober Comportment of all our Factors and Servants may Be carefully observed and that whosoever shall contemn or refuse to conforme to ye Said orders may be notified to us.

3. That the printed rulles and orders for the management of our affaires and Keeping our Bookes, herewith also delivered unto you, as also all other our rules and directions Since That time made and Sent to our Agents and Councills at fort St. George be Carefully observed and In case of ye. neglect or refusall of any ℔sons in our Service you are to proceed against them according to our former orders in our Letters sent to ye. Fort, the Last 3 yeares to our Agent and Councill Then in being and according to thosse rules made in the Bay ye 12 Decembr. at Maddapollam & Metchlapatam ye. 10th. and 14th. January 1679 which wee have ratified & confirmed to you our Agent and Councill by our Shipping now upon departure.

4. As soon as it shall please god to arrive you at our Fort St. George wee would have you Immediately to demand and receive from Streynsham Master Esqr. all our ready mony Bookes and papers and with all convenient Speed all the rest of our Concernes and goods in ye godownes houshold goods &c by Inventory whereof Send us a Coppy.

5. You are to take care that all our Merchants Factors writers and Apprentices That are within the Severall factories doe Live in ye Companys house or Factory Safe only at the Fort, where wee have a Garrison and the Town under our Government you our Agent and Councill there may ℔mit Such as you and they shall think fitt to reside in our Town of Madraspatam and not elswhere.

6. That no Inglish men but Such as are in the Companys service are to be ℔mitted to reside in any part of India under your Agency but onely at our Fort St. George and Town of Madrasapatam.

7. That all possible care be taken to prevent any Inglish out of our shipps or otherwise from entring into ye Service of ye. King of Gulcandagh or any other Prince in those Countries in regard when They are once Entered it is difficult for them to get of & hereby they become Lost as to ye nation.

8. That noe Inglish men whether free or in our Service are to be ℔mitted to [build] houses but where wee have a garrison and ye Sole government.

9. When you shall make any Contract for Callicoes which is alwais to be done by Councill the following rulles are to be observed—

(1) That two peices be taken for musters of every Sort of goods contracted for & that ye same be Sealled with the companys Sealle, and that one of thesse peices so sealled be annually sent for Ingland with Labells annexed expressing ye price contracted for and ye quantity of peices bought and what number ye Balles are wherein Each Sort are packed.

(2) That when the Callicoes that are brought into ye. Companys wharehouse are to Be passed according to musters and contract that there be three of ye Councill present or as many as can be Spared, whereof the Agent or Cheife or warehouse keeper to be one to veiw that they be according to Samples and that under their hands that a return be made to ye bookekeeper for his Justification in entring the same; that is what price to enter them, whether ye price contracted for if they be as good or better then the Samples or at a Lower price in proportion to what they are worse then the Samples.

(3) That the Agent or Cheife take care that at such time of generall veiw all our merchants ffactors as well as Writers or as many as can with conveniency be called to veiw ye. goods bought that thereby they may gain knowledge in ye. Companys concerns and Skill in ye goods, you are Also to endeavour by all means so to order it, that our Callicoe be carefully packed and that all in a Balle of one Sort be as near of a goodnesse as is possible.

You are ℔ticularly to take care that Such fitt and portable goods be sent for Bantam as shall from time to time be advised you from our Agent & Councill there and that y^e^ said goods be well bought & not over rated.

10. In order to y^e^ advance of the trade of our town of Madraspatam wee recommend unto you

1. To cause Justice Impartially to be Administrated to all thereby to Induce people to inhabit in our Said Town.

2. To Countenance & encourage all Merchants that shall come thither to trade from other parts of India by ℔mitting them a free markett and civill Treatment They paying y^e^ Customes and duties established, it hath been a verry great hindrance to y^e^ Trade of our Said Town, that some have heretofore Ingrossed the trade to themselfes and not ℔mitted any but what hath possed through their own hands.

3. To consider whether the trade of our Said Town may not be further advanced by Looseing the Customes and yet the revenew maintained and Increased by Laying some Small or moderate Impositions on Liquors Tobacco or other Commodities on the consumtion or otherwise as may not be Burthensome to y^e^ people.

4. To Examine the title by which we hold y^e^ said Town and whether all the houses there in ought not to pay some Small rent by way of acknowledgment to us as Lords of y^e^ place and If so that you our Agent and Councill doe upon Serious Consideration set such a small quit rent as may not disgust or discontent y^e^ Inhabitants thereof.

5. To take care that the Customes & duties setled there be duly and Indifferently Levid and a due account and Rigester be kept thereof in which accompt is to be expressed at what rate and vallue the same is taken.

6. To make a perticular Inspection into y^e^ mint to find out any abuses therein and to settle the same in such a way as may be most for our advantage and so as we may have a just accompt thereof, you may examine If there be not a greater advantage in Coining fanams then in Coining Pagodes and If so that as many of that sort that is agreable to justice and Equantity [*sic*] be Coined keepeing a due proportion with others.

7. To consider whether it would not be a great advantage to us and our said Town If a Phyrmaund could be procured from the King of Golcondah to authorize us to Coine Rup^s^ and pice, and in case it shall by you our Agent and Councill on Examination be judged so and that it may be obtained without to great a Charge, we would have you our Agent and Councill endeavour to effect y^e^ same.

8. To inquire what the revenew of the Town has been to us for thesse last seaven yeares, and what it is now and send us a perticular thereof, and you may propose to us what other ways and meâns may be used to Increase y^e^ same.

9. Touching private trade which we grant to our Factors and servants we deliver you herewith our printed paper of ℔mission of y^e^ 17 : October 1679 and moreover we have further enlarged the same giveing Liberty to all our factors and servants at y^e^ Fort and under your Agency to trade in any Commodities to or from Fort S^t^ George to any port or places in the East Indies to the norward of the Equator except to Tonqueen & Formosa They conforming in other matters, to y^e^ rules and direction appointed by our printed Indulgence of the 17 October afforesaid registring their goods from time to time accordingly.

Wee haveing thus given so great a Liberty we hope that all our factors and servants will keep within the rulles, and not be so disingenious and unfaithfull, as to Intermeddle with any Trade we have prohibited, we Expect from you and all our servants that you use all endeavours to prevent & discover any private trade that is beyond or contrary to y^e^ Indulgence by us granted and to advise us the ℔ticulars of what you shall discover with y^e^ names of y^e^ ℔sons so tradeing contrary to our rulles.

Wee herewith also deliver you the printed Indulgence made y^e^ 25^th^ of August 1680 granted to such of y^e^ owners Commanders and Seamen of the Shipps that are entertained in our Service and doe require you as much as in you Lies to hinder

prevent and discourage all private Trade by them contrary to our said Indulgence & to advise us from time to time what you discover, & to send us y^e^ best proofes you can thereof.

Though the Cheifs and Councills at y^e^ Bay are ordered to Correspond with us directly yet Wee have required them to send duplicates of all to you our Agent and Councill at y^e^ Fort, and we doe expect from & require you carefully from time to time to ℔use and examin y^e^ same and to write to us what they doe observe therein to be transacted prejudiciall to our service, and how they conceive our affaires might have been acted more to our advantage, our Agent and Councill are also to write to them their Thoughts thereupon for their better proceedings in future.

11. You will understand by our Letters to you our Agent and Councill which you now take with you, that we have taken y^e^ Diamond Trade into y^e^ stock and y^e^ constitutions that we have made concerning that trade, which may prove If well cultivated not only a great profitt to y^e^ Company, but to you our Agent and Councill likewise, it must be your especiall care to prevent all Clandestine and private trade in that Commodity, which doth not only endamage us but our Agent and Councill Likewise, since all Clandestine trade therein, must of necessity not only Lesson ours but your own Commissions, & your share of y^e^ Surplusage profitt thereof likewise.

12. Wee have on the Apprehension of your abilities & confidence of your Sincere actings for our Service, given you the encouragement to settle your Sallery at £200 ℔ annum to commence from your arrivall at fort S^t^ George and also of a gratuity of £100 ℔ ann̄. If you shall be found (as we hope you will) to deserve it but you are to take notice that according to our generall rulles you are to receive but one halfe of your Sallery in y^e^ Country.

And we have entertained John Bevit in degree of a writer for seaven years at y^e^ Sallery of £10 ℔ann̄, whom we design to be under you for your assistance in your ℔ticular Concerns

13. Tho, wee have dismissed M^r^· Master from being our Agent & Governour immediately upon y^e^ arrivall of thesse Shipps, yet it is not our purpose that any disparadgment should be put upon him in y^e^ Country he behaveing himselfe uprightly and civilly without doeing or causing to be done, Anything to y^e^ prejudice or Impeding of our Service, & while he shall so Carry himself in your Judgment, it is our expresse orders that in all places wherein there is occasion of his encountring or meeting you or any of our Councill, he shall dureing y^e^ years time, wee have given him Liberty to stay there retain y^e^ honour in point of place & precedency of being next your selfe & before M^r^· Hynmers our Second, or any other that shall happen to be Second in his stead, and in Case y^e^ said M^r^· Master shall in all things to our Intrest behave himselfe as aforesaid, we would futher have you to gratifie him with his diet for himselfe and Two servants at our Table, and the best Lodging you can accommodate him with in our fort next unto y^r^· selfe.

And this our Commission and Instructions you are to produce upon your arrivall at y^e^ fort and cause y^e^ same to be publiquely read at y^e^ said ffort according as we have written in our generall Letter to your selfe & Councill herewith delivered you, dated at y^e^ East India [House ?] y^e^ 29^th^ day of December 1680 Will: Thomson Gover^r^: Tho: Papillon Dep^t^., James Edwards, Chandiz, Josia: Child, John Clerk, Rich: Hutchinson, Chris. Boone, John Moore, Sam: Moyer, Ja: Houblon, Tho: Canham, Edward Rudge, Jere: Sambrook, Mathe: Letten.

MR. STREYN: MASTER LONDON. 5: OF JANUARY $16\frac{80}{81}$

Finding by your Indentures bearing date y^e^ 16: December 1675, that your five years service for us will be expired by y^e^: 7: of July next we have after serious debate found expedient for our Service and resolved by y^e^ Ballot, that upon y^e^ arrivall

of this years Shipping at y^e^ Fort you be dismist our Imployment and sent for home by this Shipping, notwithstanding which If it fall out so that by reason of your own businesse you cannot without Damage to your Selfe come home by this years Shipping, in such case we are content That you doe stay within our Town of Madraspatam, and under our government there at your own Charge or otherwise as we have directed by our comission one year Longer to dispatch your own affaires, and If it should so happen that our ships should arrive at our Fort sometime before y^e^ said 7 : of July next by which our present Agent M^r^· Willi : Gyfford comes to take place, before your fores^d^· time by Indenture is fully out. we shall however pay you your full Sallery, and gratuity as If you had served us your full time of five years. Upon our now elected Agent M^r^· Gyffords arrivall we require you Immediately to resign to him y^e^ place of our Agent and governour and to deliver To him all our mony in Cash all our Bookes writeings and papers and with all Convenient Speed all other our remaines whatsoever, togeather with our fort S^t^· George all ammunition and Artillery and other things whatsoever belonging to us according to our Commission and Instructions sent with him, which he will cause to be read to you and y^e^ rest of our Councill Factors Officers and Servants, whereunto we require you and every of them to give due & Intire obedience and If it should please god, that our said new appointed Agent M^r^· Gyfford Should not arrive with our Shipps we doe then order you to resign y^e^ place of Agent & Governour Immediately to M^r^· Hynmers and in Case of his death or absence to M^r^· John Bridger, whom we have appointed to succeed in that Agency, so we commend you & our affaires to gods protection & rest Your Loveing freinds, Will. Thomson Gover^r^ : Tho : Papillon Depu, Ja : Edward, Berkely, Math : Andrews, John Clerk, Rob : Thomson, Chris : Boon[e], Sam Moyer, Jos. Hern, John Morden, John Bathurst, Berkeley, Jos : Child, Chandoz, Ja : Houblon, Ri : Hutchinson, John Moore, Tho : Canham, Nat : Letten, Edward Rudge.

Observations made by y^e^ Committee of y^e^ Committee of y^e^ Treasurie about y^e^ affaires of y^e^ Mint at Fort S^t^· George.

The 5 new pagodes ℔ y^e^ golden fleece of y^e^ fort Coine with a Coppy of y^e^ mint bookes and also y^e^ essay of 43 Ingotts of y^e^ Companys gold taken out of nine Severall Chests were rec^d^.

The 5 Pag^ds^ : togeather weiged 11 dwt. 1 g^r^· which is one graine more then They should doe, but weiging them severally one against another they doe all differ a Little one from another, whereby it appears they are not yet so exact in that part, as they ought to be, the Pag^ds^· must not be heavier nor finer nor Lighter nor Courser then its Just allowance. The one would prejudice y^e^ Company y^e^ other decry y^e^ Coine in y^e^ Country you need not as wee advised you Last year return us any more Essays of y^e^ Ingotts sent from hence unlesse, you find some verry great mistake or abuse in any one or more Ingotts, for they serve us for no other purpose then what we may be satisfied in, by reserving y^e^ first essays taken here at home, and compareing them with the account and produce of y^r^· Mint Bookes, of which it is necessary we should have a Coppy every yeare, Wee have reessayed good many of y^e^ 43 essays before mentioned which for y^e^ most part, are reported better then when they went out, only one Ingott viz^t^· N^o^· 4 : in Chest N^o^· K, that was then reported but 2½ g^r^· worse. Is now by double essayings found to be 2 dwt : 1½ gr. worse, so as it appears here is some faults here, as well as with you, which we have often endeavoured but cannot wholy prevent, however we find y^e^ product of y^e^ gold sent out anno 1678 : of which this Mint booke gives account to render Better then any former yeare except a few ℔ticular Chests that were Coined anno : 1677, which was advanced by extraordinary occasion as then advised. If you looke over y^e^ Companys instructions and reduce y^e^ allay of every Ingott, with y^e^ pen by y^e^ Invoice as you have been often desired you would Certainly prevent any great abuse to y^e^ Company, and also verry much advantage yourselfes in knowledge by such experience or experim^ts^· The medium of 9 Chests that were Coined 1679 as appears by your Mint booke produces 958¾ pag^ds^· for every 100 Oz : Standard gold 958 : ¾. You have rightly Credited y^e^

account of Profitt and Losse with $\overset{P}{858}:\overset{FF}{26}$ for y^e^ over plus of what y^e^ Coinage of Pagodes and Copper Cash produced more then that years Charge of fortifications repaires & erections.

30 : JUNE : 1680

The Court takeing into Consideration how the trade of Diamonds may for y^e^ future be managed for the honour proffitt and advantage of y^e^ Kingdom in generall and ℔ticularly for y^e^ Intrest of this Company upon serious debate had of y^e^ said affaire have thought fitt & resolved that The sole trade of Diamonds be henceforth appropriated to y^e^ Company and to be prohibited to all other ℔sons whatsoever.

22 Octo^r^ : 1680

It is ordered that y^e^ Accomptant generall doe keep an account of y^e^ Diamo^d^ Trade either in bookes a part or in y^e^ generall bookes in such manner and form as That once a year an account of y^e^ Clear proffitt thereof may be made up and perfected.

That y^e^ Commanders and owners of Shipping that shall bring home Diamonds Diamond Bort or synall, be allowed 3 ℔ C^t.^ freight on y^e^ first Cost of y^e^ said goods one Moity of which freight the Commanders shall have as a gratuity for their Care and faithfullnesse in preventing private Trade & Traders in diamonds &ce, and for their encouragement in y^e^ punctuall performance of y^e^ other Covenants in their Charter parties, y^e^ other Moity of y^e^ said freight to be p^d.^ to y^e^ owners to be divided amongst them with y^e^ rest of the ships freight.

That all Commanders & their owners in Charter party be obliged to pay unto y^e^ Company for stated damage y^e^ full vallue of all or any Bullion or mony of any kind that shall be sent out, or diamonds diamond Bort or Synall that shall be brought home in their respective Ships other then for y^e^ generall Joynt Stock without order in writeing first obtained from y^e^ Court of Committees.

That y^e^ Commanders be advised to carry no officers or other ℔sons whom they may have reason to Suspect without first takeing Counter Security from them for Indemnifying y^e^ Commanders & owners (as farre as in them Lies) from any Losse or damage by y^e^ Covenant to be made in Charter party before recited.

If any Commander Officer or other ℔son in y^e^ Companys Shipping shall betray his trust, in breaking y^e^ rulles of y^e^ Company and Covenants in Charter party relateing to y^e^ Diamond Trade Such ℔son shall for the first offence of that kind be put from y^e^ Companys Service and no more be Imployed by them in any Shipps in y^e^ Companys Service.

That for y^e^ encouragement of y^e^ Companys President, Agent & factors in all places there shall be allowed them over and above their present Sallerys and other accomodations, a Commission of 5 ℔C^o.^ on y^e^ first cost of all Investments and returnes made in diamonds diamond Bort and Synall (all Charges thereon to be Included) which Commission ariseing out of y^e^ Said Investments shall yearly presently after y^e^ departure of y^e^ Shipping be made up reported and presently paid in y^e^ proportions following, one halfe thereof unto y^e^ president or Agent of y^e^ Respective Factories from whence y^e^ Same are returned, y^e^ other halfe of y^e^ said 5 ℔C^o.^ to be divided and paid in equall proportions to and amongst y^e^ Severall ℔sons of y^e^ respective Councills where Such Investments Shall be made Share and Share like, without respect of Degrees or Seniority or Inferiority.

That in case any of y^e^ Companys presidents Agents factors or Servants Shall be found unfaithfull in Tradeing in diamonds &c^e^ or Countenanceing or privy to any trade in diamonds contrary to their oaths & trusts or Thesse or any other rules, y^e^ Company Shall hereafter make, Such ℔son or ℔sons so offending Shall Immediately be dismissed from y^e^ Companys Service, and none of y^e^ Committee will desire or move for their restauration to any Imployment for y^e^ time to come in y^e^ Companys Service.

That such offenders besides expulsion from y^e^ Companys Imployment shall Loose and forfitt all right and pretence of right to y^e^ further Benefitt or advantage which y^e^ Compa doe intend to provide for theire faithfull Servants.

That y^e^ president and Agent and Councill in their respective factories where any investment shall be made for Diamonds &c^e^ doe not mention anything in grosse Sommes or Confound or mix any Bulse or Parcell of Diamonds in their Invoices, but Sett down y^e^ ℔ticular ℔cells as they were bought with y^e^ exact prises paid for them and the names of y^e^ ℔sons y^t^ they were bought of, with y^e^ number & weight of y^e^ Stones, noteing in y^e^ margent y^e^ dayes of y^e^ month y^e^ mony was paid for them, and that they doe Send a generall Invoice of all Dyamonds &c^ea^: Sent by any one Shippe by itselfe, unmixt with y^e^ rest of y^e^ Cargo of y^e^ Said Shipp, adding at y^e^ foote thereof y^e^ just Charge of them (If any be) more then what y^e^ Company by their house keeping and Servants and otherwise doe already defray, and also y^e^ Comission of 5 ℔C^o^ aforesaid for which purpose they are to keep a ℔ticular Journall or day booke of y^e^ ℔ticulars bought and paid for.

As soone as any ℔cell of Diamonds &c: is bought & paid for y^e^ president or Agent in y^e^ presence of y^e^ Councell or y^e^ Major part of them is to make up y^e^ ℔cell or bulse be it of more or Lesse vallue, & to Sealle it up with y^e^ Companys Smallest Sealle, numbering of it with y^e^. figure of one y^e^ next ℔cell with y^e^ figure of 2 : and so succescively for that whole years Investment begining again in following years at y^e^ first number and upon y^e^ verry Bulse sett y^e^ figures of y^e^ number of Stones.

And for y^e^ further Incouragement of y^e^ Comp^a^. president Agent and Factors being of y^e^ Councill in any of y^e^ factories, where Investments for Dyamonds &c. Shall be made, and which shall be found just and faithfull in this Dyamond affaire, and other their trusts in y^e^ Companys service, according to y^e^ Companys Rules Instructions and Limitations, it is hereby declared that a just accompt of y^e^ whole profitt, shall be kept and made up yearly, and That whatsoever y^e^ proffitt of y^e^ whole Investment amounts to over and above 50 ℔ C^o^ & 10 ℔ C^o^ for bearing y^e^ Companys Charge, and adventure, being in y^e^ whole 60 ℔ C^o^. (Intrest and Insurance therein Included) shall be divided and Carryed to account in manner following, The one Moity thereof to y^e^ account of y^e^ generall Joynt Stock, and y^e^ other Moity to be divided into two equall parts, one halfe thereof to be carryed to y^e^ Account of y^e^ President or Agent of y^e^ factory where such Investments shall be made to be paid to them respectively upon their return and passing their accompts in Ingland, or to their Exeq^rs^· or Admi^rs^· upon Clearing their Accounts in Case of their death in India the other halfe to be divided equally into so many shares as there shall be ℔sons in y^e^ respective Councills, where such Investments shall be made at y^e^ time of y^e^ makeing Thereof, and each share shall be carryed to y^e^ account of time of each ℔son that shall be in y^e^ respective Councills to be paid to them or to their respective Exec^trs^· or admi^rs^· upon Cleareing their account as in The case of y^e^ President or Agent.

That to y^e^ Intent that y^e^ Comp^a^· President Agent & Councill aforesaid may know how y^e^ profitts doe yearly grow and Increase by y^e^ honest discharge of their Trusts and duties, there May be sent to Each factory yearly an account of their respective shares and profitts by y^e^ saide trade, by which they may see how y^e^ same doth arise and is reparted & carried to their severall & respective Accounts.

That in Case any ℔son shall make discovery of any Bullion or diamonds carryed out or Imported contrary to their rulles, so as y^e^ Company thereby shall come to receive y^e^ stated damage or any part thereof, such ℔son shall have one halfe part of what y^e^ Comp^a^ shall recover by virtue of such Information. The other Moyety thereof shall be divided equally between y^e^ Commanders Officers and Seamen of y^e^ said ship share and share like except such ℔son or ℔sons aboard any ship as shall be found faulty by y^e^ Committee of y^e^ said Company.

29 October: 1680

For the Incouragement of y^e^ Comp^a^· Presidents Agents Cheifes & factors to dispose of their estates in India upon their return for Ingland, it is ord^d^ That what monys any of them, shall pay into y^e^ Companys Cash they shall be allowed y^e^ same

after y^e^ rate of 2^s^: 6^d^ a Rupee 9^s^ for a new pagode 5^s^ a doller or Royall of ⅛ which upon bills of Ex^a^· to be drawn on y^e^ Company at 30 dayes sight shall be punctually paid, them or their Assignes notwithstanding any Accompts between them and y^e^ Company that shall be then standing open and notwithstanding any pretension Claime or demand whatsoever that may be suggested to y^e^ Contrary and as readyly as If such ℔son had never been concerned in y^e^ Companys service.

31 December 1680

It is ordered that y^e^ president and Councill at Surratt and y^e^ Agent & Councill at Fort S^t^· George and y^e^ Agent and Council at Bantam, in Case it shall appeare to them that there is any Bullion or mony y^e^ which was sent out last yeare in y^e^ register from hence to be Invested in dyamonds and was not invested and returned by thosse shipps to ℔mitt y^e^ Investment thereof In dyamonds and y^e^ Ladeing y^e^ same on the shipps this year in register notwithstanding y^e^ generall order of Prohibition signed by order of y^e^ Court of Committees. Rob: Blackborne Sec^r^.

To the Worp^ll^: the Agent
and Councill at Fort S^t^· George.

S^rs^.

M^r^· Hinmers answare to my paper of 1678 I rec^d^· this year: whereunto I have Little to reply, and would gratifie his desire to write my objections to Metchlepatam and Maddapallam distinct from yours, but haveing Little to write now and hope to have Lesse for time to come, I desire you will give me Leave to put them togeather. In your Consultation or visitation booke at Hugly dated y^e^ 22: Octo^br^· 1679 you mention to have found a strange errour of Rupies 36186: 5: 9 for 39 Chests of Taffitees &c: sent from Cassumbazar to Hughley, whereof 19 Chests were sent us by y^e^ Johanna not Invoyced, which you say doth not appear by y^e^ Invoice or bill of Loading, nor y^e^ Accomptant-Generalls advices, but If you had had y^e^ sight of my papers which I wrote to y^e^ Cheife and Councill in y^e^ Bay in January 167⅘ you would have found that I advised them of this their omission in not Crediting Cassumbezar for that verry article of 36186^Rs^: 5: 9 and also for not Chargeing y^e^ acc^o^· Currant with y^e^ 19 Chests of Taffitees rec^d^ by y^e^ Johanna besides in my paper dated in December 1676 I acquainted them of those 3 errours committed to y^e^ Companys prejudice in all 11909^Rps^: 4:—which now you have Charged to M^r^· Clavells acc^o^· and likewise of y^e^ 8000 Rup^s^· which you say (by M^r^· Vincents intimation) is due to y^e^ Executors of M^r^· March. But I then guessed it was due to M^r^· John Smith who was at That time in Decca—and of many more of their grosse errours I have yearly given them Information, with advise how to prevent Them for time to come but they did not rectifie y^e^ old nor prevent y^e^ new for they grow worse and worse in their accounts, so that I was hope Lesse to have that factorie rectified, but your visitation hath settled it, Though I doubt they will not Long continue so.

But to return to y^e^ grosse omission of y^e^ 36186 Rup^s^· you note it to be for 39 Chests and one Case of Taffitees with 4 Balles of Silk but I find by Cassumbuzar Journall L folio 9: That it is for 36 Chests and Two balles of Taffities, 1 Balle raw ditto, 1 Chest or Balle of Europe dy'd Silk, 1 Balle of fflorett yarn and one percell of severall Silkmasters.

You note That M^r^· Bugden Saith from one of Ballasore wast bookes that 19 Chests of Taffitees were Shipped on y^e^ Johanna 20 on y^e^ Eagle, and 3 Bales of Silk on y^e^ Surratt merchant, That y^e^ 19 were rec^d^ by y^e^ Johanna is true but none by y^e^ Eagle or any silk or floretta yarn by y^e^ Surratt Merchant nor by any other Ship more then Invoyct & charged in Their Bookes. But upon Examination I find These following Chests of Taffaties to be more rec^d^ then That account is Credited in their Bookes, though y^e^ full number was mentioned in Their Invoices viz^t^· by y^e^ Anne which She rec^d^ out of y^e^ two Sloopes 2 Chests fine Taffities, & 2 Bales raw, by y^e^ falcon 10 Chests fine The Johanna 19 and by y^e^ Bengall London and Caesar about 8 Chests,

but how many by Each Ship I cannot know, for in their Journall V. folio 23d. They mention to have sent by Those 3 Shipps in generall 22016 peices whereas their Invoice is Charged with 23136 and we recd just so many differs with their bookes 1120 ps. is above 7 & not full 8 Chests and makes Togeather 40 or 41 Chests or bales, and may answare ye omitted Invoice In vallew, though not in every ℔cell of goods, and by all these mistakes you may Clearly see that at Hughly and Ballasore they have managed the Companies affaires as rediculously negligent as possibly can be done in any factorie.

If Jacob Smiths debt be not paid discharge it out of your bookes by ye account Currant, he being dead.

One peice of Sallampores No. 3 ℔ ye falcon is found short ye Tickett signed by Mr. John Bridger 12 sh: is charged to his account for it.

And for 3 ps. ℔ Calles No. 27 : ℔ Society wanting in a balle 30 s is Charged to Mr. Maurice Wynn, & for 5 ps. Golcanda Bettelees No. 26 ℔ ye George £12 :— :—

The Pagds. 16 : 8 : ought to be recd of Mr. Nat: Chomley for goods deliverd him in 1675. Also ye Pagds. 138·13 for Paddy Rice &c Charged to Mr. Jerseys account and ye Pagds. 12 : 6 : 4 : of Thomas Radcliffe.

Fleetwoods account is not well stated neither In Metchpm. nor Maddapm. bookes I write two years agoe at Large about it but find nothing done yet it ought to be Examined and settled there for els nothing can be recovd here of ye sureties and when you come to settle that account you will find that article void of Pags. 516 : 34 : 4 now in debt of factorie Madapollm. in ye Metchlepatam bookes, pray order it to be done and for ye 3 Grua ye Washermens debts in Metchlepatm. bookes all amounting to but 38 Pagds. If nothing can be recovered discharge them by profitt and Losse it is not worth while to trouble ye bookes with such Triffles Pray order Metchlepatam not to make any fraction of their Cash, it is so Insignificant and that they will direct him that copied their Last bookes how to make ye figure of 8 for as he makes it, its hardly to be known. Att ye opening of ye goods for ye Last Sale these following ℔s were wanting vizt.

Dungarees Broad No.	4 ps	1 no tickett	℔ George
do.	20 :	6 no tickett	
Morees	8 :	1 : no Tickett	℔ Fleece
Izarees	23 :	8 : ℔ fleece Tickett signed by Sam : Wallis.	

Therefore charged to his account at 12 s 6 d ℔ ps is 5 £ who ought to have Signed ye other Ticketts please to advise that they may be charged with it els it shall be Charged to ye Severall Cheifs accounts.

London 4th January 1680.

Francis Beyer Accompt. Generall.

Our Agent Governour and Councill at Fort St. George — London 19th March 1679.

By ye Eagle Samson Berkeley Castle and President we wrote unto you at Large in ours of ye. 3d. & 31st. of December & of ye 7 : 9 : 14 : 16 and 21 of January unto which we referre you, and though ye said shipps were by contrary winds deteyned in ye Downes till 13 : february yet we trust in god they will have a safe passage, so as seasonably to arrive with you.

Since their departure we have concerted ye businesse with Sr. Wm. Langhorne touching ye mony which contrary to our Rulles and practice he tooke out of our Cash before his comeing from ye fort, which he hath undertaken to pay unto you for our use being 3234 pagds. togeather with ye usuall intrest of the Country till ye time of payment, as by his obligation under his hand [and ?] Sealle (coppy whereof is here inclosed) appeares, wee therefore require you to take care that ye mony both for principle and

Intrest according to y^e^ rate of Intrest in your parts of India from y^e^ time it was taken out of our Cash there till y^e^ time of its repayment be received into our Cash and brought to Our Creditt in account and advise us ℔ticularly thereof that so we may deliver him up his bond.

Wee observe that Mr. Edward Littleton our Cheife at Cassambuzar hath sent home for his own Account by y^e^ Last Shipping, some quantities of Bengall Taffities, the same as ours and verry good Coulours, 30 yards Long only they were made of a different breadth on design to elude our orders, wherein he hath mistaken himselfe, we had a verry good opinion of M^r.^ Littleton for his carefull management of our affaires, but this action of his doth give us cause to doubt of his Integrity and faithfullnesse to our service, and in case he shall after this admonition, set on foote this or any such like method of private makeing and Tradeing in Commodities of y^e^ nature with those we reserve to our Selfes, we shall not only change our opinion of him, but be necessitated to send for him, for we cannot suffer those we Imploy and committ our affaires to thus to undermine our Trade, of this we require you to give him notice, & transmitt his answare to us by y^e^ next shipping. Haveing had a saille of y^e^ raw Silk wee rec^d^. this Last year from you, wee think fitt to give you this following advise viz^t^.

That y^e^ white raw Silk N^o^. G being 8 bales by y^e^ Nathaniell which cost 1 Rup: 4 ann. ℔ seer proved well therefore procure us 100 bales of y^e^ same or what more you can get and be carefull it be even and Cleane.

Of y^e^ white Silk h. being 9 bales ℔ do ship which cost 1 Rup^e^. ℔ Seer send us 100 bales thereof, of y^e^ white Silk I. being 13 bales ℔ do ship which cost 12 ann ℔ Seer, proves not so advantagious to us as y^e^ other sorts, therefore send us not above 40 bales of it unlesse it may be had a little finer, but what you provide thereof must be even, and as near as you can of one & y^e^ same goodnesse all other sorts of silk by y^e^ Nathaniell prove good.

We have not els to adde but committing you to y^e^ protection of y^e^ Almighty we remaine.

OUR AGENT GOVERN^R^. AND COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE. — LONDON 16: JULY 1680.

Wee have by our Surratt shipps y^e^ Bengall Merchant, new London and Ann which (blessed be god) arrived safe with us y^e^ 4 Instant rec^d^ a Coppy of your Letter over Land of y^e^ 17: July 1679 y^e^ Originall not comeing to hand, as also our Agents Letter from Cassambuzar of y^e^ 12: 9^br^.

Wee shall not by this over Land conveyance before we receive your Letters by our expected Coast Shipps, give any ℔ticular answare to these Letters we have rec^d^ from you already, but by what we yet see of you our Agents actings in y^e^ Bay and of our Councill in his absence we have cause to approve and Commend your severall proceedings in our affaires.

Wee doe likewise think fitt to advise you that finding by 4 years experience Lately by that method, wee have been in for y^e^ Diamond Trade, and by former years experience in other methods, that it is necessary for y^e^ benefitt of y^e^ Stock as well as of y^e^ Kingdom in generall, that an alteration should be made therein, upon which we have resolved upon verry serious and frequent consideration of that matter, to appropriate that trade solely to y^e^ united Joynt Stock, in which notwithstanding we shall have such respect to y^e^ Intrest of our Agent Councill and factors and also y^e^ Commanders & owners of Shipping, as that none of our honest servants, shall Loose by such alteration of y^e^ Trade y^e^ ℔ticulars Whereof being yet under deliberation, we cannot now give you a perfect system, of y^e^ Bales [*sic*] we shall make herein. That which we have further and especially to recomend to you If this comes time enough to hand, is that you would what in you Lies promote y^e^ buying up what quantities of Raw Silk you can, That our Shipping intended out This yeare may bring as Large quantities as can be procured to which purpose we have now writ to our Cheife and Councill in y^e^ Bay and you goe on in all our Investments according to our former orders. We commend you and all our affaires to y^e^ blessing of god almighty & remaine.

P.S.

We wrote you so fully by our Last shipping concerning y^e^ privateers which went from these parts to India that we add nothing concerning that affaire by this uncertain conveyance, but by what we have heard since their departure and doe otherwise conjecture, we doe believe they will be whipt sufficiently with their own rod being Like to make a verry Looseing businesse, however omitt no diligence possible to disappoint Their design by any of those means we formerly suggested.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^· GEORGE. LONDON: 7: SEPTEMBER 1680.

Wee haveing dispatched y^e^ Barnadiston from hence y^e^ Last week into y^e^ Downes for Bantam and Amoy and Thence designed for Surratt, it pleased god, before her departure thence to arrive with us in safety y^e^ 6 Instant our 3 Coast Shipps y^e^ golden fleece George and Successe, and in their Compa the Cæsar also from Bantam with our China goods, for which mercy we desire to render thankes to y^e^ almighty, by thesse Shipps we have rec^d^ your severall Letters of y^e^ 28; Jan: & 2: Feb^r^· which we have not yet read through, yet take y^e^ oppertunity of adviseing you of y^e^ said Shipps arrivall by this conveyance and shall add nothing further at present but committing you &c.

P.S.

Since y^e^ writeing of y^e^ foregoeing we have resolved to Inlarge our stock this yeare, and to send out above 2000 Tons. of shipping for your Agency and have you therefore provide in readinesse 1000 Tons. salt peter, 200 tls. Turmerick 10: or 15 of Arund yarne and y^e^ quantity of 10 tls. in bulk of Arund Cloth or Stuff.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^· GEORGE. LONDON: 16: 7^BR^ 1680.

The foregoeing is coppy of our Last of y^e^ 16: July over Land and y^e^ 7^th^ instant Intended by y^e^ Barnadiston Viâ Bantam since which we have finally resolved upon sending this year to y^e^ Coast and Bay 5 3deckt Shipp[s] viz^t^· y^e^ golden fleece, George, Bengalla, Cæsar and Anne, wee doe not mention their Burthen because you know y^e^ Shipps and we know not into whose hands this Letter may fall;

Wee have likewise resolved to send you a stock of 111233 lls. more then what we sent y^e^ Last yeare, by which without more expresse words, you may know exactly what it will be, of which we Intend only 60000 ll. for Diamonds by all which you will ꝑceive how incumbent it is upon you immediately upon receipt of this to dispatch your peremtory order for y^e^ provision of y^e^ Petre and other things mentioned in y^e^ foregoeing advises, and also for y^e^ enlargment of our Investments over and above whatever we have formerly written you, which we desire may be especially done in all y^e^ sorts of raw silk formerly advised, for either in our generall Letters by our Shipps, or by any other indirect conveyances or over Land and for your more ꝑticular government in other things to enlarge beyond all our former orders, we send you Inclosed a list for an additionall supply against y^e^ arrivall of those Shipps unto which principally we desire you to apply your strenuous endeavours for y^e^ encrease of our next yeares Cargo, and preventing of dead freight wherein you will doe us most acceptable Service.

✓ A list of Enlargments over and above all former advises.

Long Cloth Ordinary white	20000 p^s^
Ditto Brown	8000
Ditto Blew	4000
White without stiffenning	3000
Fine Long cloth White N^o^· 4 & 5	3000
Ditto from Metchlepatam from 3 to 4 Pag^ds^·	2000
Sallampores ordinary white	25000
Ditto white N^o^· 18: 19: & 20: from y^e^ fort	5000
Sallampores white from Metchlepatam	4000
Percallaes fine N^o^· 15 & 16	4000

according to y^e^ Last Letter of y^e^ 3 : x^br.^

Percallaes from Metchlepatam ... ... and Pettipolee booke Percallaes	6000 p^s^
Neckcloaths of 18 in a peice	4000
Ditto of 2 : yards Long	2000
Ordinary Neckcloaths stript with red	50000
Bettelees 25 y^ds.^ Long	4000
Ditto of 20 y^ds.^ Long y^e^ finer and Thinner y^e^ Better ...	4000
Sail Cloth if good and strong according to former directions	10000
Ginghams white of Metchlepatam 1½ y^d.^ broad ...	2000
Ditto Brown	2000
Izarees	2000
Oringall Bettelees	5000
Dungarees full yard Broad	4000
Of all y^e^ Metchlepatam Musters by the falcon double y^e^ quantity formerly written for	
Collered Ginghams	5000
Cossaes fine of Decca and Malilda	3000
Mullmulls	2000
Silk Romalls	5000
Nillaes	4000
Fine hum hums of Decca	3000
Taffitees	10000

Raw silk of all sorts encrease one halfe of them more then written for in all our former advices.

The vallue of 20000 pag^ds.^ or there abouts in y^e^ severall sorts of goods, which you our Agent were to provide for S^r.^ James Oxinden and partners before you understood of our Prohibition of all commodities made of or mixt with Silk.

Of Salt petre alwaise keep 1000 tons before hand, and bring of it as much as you can to y^e^ fort.

Cowrees of y^e^ smallest and Best sort	100 tonns
Floretta yarn	50 : Balles
Turmerick as ℔ advise	200 : ℔s
Sticklack of Pegu If possible	50 :—
Sannoes Mohunpoorees Arampoores and Suras	10000 : p^s^

In Cassambuzar musters as ℔ our generall Letters by y^e^ Last Shipps of various coulors generally encreas one halfe.

In Hughly Musters generally encreas one halfe of what was formerly written for.

Of all Musters now come by y^e^ Shipps Lately arrived and of any new musters

That you shall further meet with send 2 Balles of each of y^e^ 3 Samples of white Silk N^o.^ 1 which cost viz^t^

Rup^s^.	Anns.	
4 :	12	℔ Seer procure us what quantity thereof you can.
4 :	8	
3 :	6	

of Ditto N^o.^ 2 which cost 12 anns ℔ Seer send us 40 : or 50 Balles.

of Ditto N^o.^ 3 which cost 1 : Rup. 4 anns ℔ Seer 40 : or 50 Bailles.

of y^e^ Sample of raw Silk N^o.^ 4 q^t^ cost 3 Rup^s.^ 12 : anns ℔ Seer what quantities you can procure it being a verry fine Sort of Silk and well esteemed of and observe y^e^ Like directions for y^e^ quantity of y^e^ following Samples Viz^t^.

rp^s^ an

T A that of N^o.^ 5 which cost 4 : 5 ℔ Seer.

T G that of N^o.^ 6 which cost 3 : 12 ℔ Seer

Arunde yarn according to advices in these Letters about 15 and y^e^ Like quantity of Tonnage in y^e^ Cloth or Stuffs made thereof.

100 Bales of Cotton yarn provided it be not Crosse reeled.

LONDON Y^E^ 5 JANU^RY^ 16 $\frac{80}{81}$

OUR AGENT GOVERNOR AND
COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE VIZ^T^
WILLIAM GYFFORD ESQ^R^ AGENT & GOVE^R^

JOSEPH HYNMERS	2^d^.	In Councill.
JOHN BRIDGER	3	
TIMOTHY WILKS	4	
JOHN BIGRIG	5	
ELIHU YALE	6	

Wee have contrary to our Common form mentioned all your names and degrees in y^e^ margent that you may y^e^ readier see our Constitution of our Agent and Councill at fort S^t^ George all which and no other If Liveing we have established to be of our Councill immediately upon and from the first arrivall of this years Shipping or any of them at y^e^ fort to which purpose we have given a Commission and Instructions under our Larger Sealle unto our said Agent M^r^ William Gyfford which he will cause to be read to you revokeing therein our former Commission and Instructions to Streynsham Master Esq^r^ or any other, and wee doe hereby require you and every one of you and all others Imployed by us to give due and Intire obedience so farre as shall concern you to our said Agent and Governour M^r^ W^m^ Gyfford aforesaid, and In case of his absence or death, (which god forbid) to M^r^ Joseph Hynmers, who in such case we have appointed to succeed him, y^e^ said M^r^ Gyfford as our Agent and Governour at Fort S^t^ George, and in case of y^e^ absence or death (which god forbid) of y^e^ said M^r^ Hynmers, we doe appoint to succeed, as our Agent and Governour M^r^ John Bridger and so successively according to your severall degrees and stations as we have now placed you in this new established councill, and therefore finding by M^r^ Master his Indentures, that his 5 yeares time of service to us will be out by y^e^ 7^th^: of July next, which we suppose may full [*sic*] neare with y^e^ time of y^e^ arrivall of these shipps, we have and doe hereby from y^e^ time of y^e^ next and first arrivall of any of our shipps at fort S^t^ George that are now upon departure thither out of this river of Thames dismisse y^e^ said Streynsham Master from being our Agent or Governour at fort S^t^ George and from serving us in any Imployment in India, notwithstanding if our Shipps should arrive before y^e^ aforesaid seaventh of July next, we will however pay him his full sallary and gratuity to y^e^ said 7 of July as If he had served us out his full time to that day as we have writ to himselfe in a Letter apart by those shipps which we require you to deliver him, and to see a due p^f^formance made of y^e^ contents thereof on his part accordingly.

Esqr. immediately to succeed Agent upon his arrivall at Fort St. George & in manner of succession in case of his death or absence.

a letter from y^e^ compa to Mr. Master.

2. With this we send you Coppies of all our Letters wrote to our former Agent and Councill at y^e^ fort, since our generall Letter wrote by our Last yeares shipping and now we shall proceed to answare y^e^ Last Letter we had from Agent Master and our Councill there by this yeares Shipping bearing date y^e^ 27: of January and Second of february Last.

Coppies of Letters sent.

3. The first Paragraph we encounter is your scornfull Excuse of your unmannerly passages of your former Letters wherein you say you crave our pardon for your plainnesse, and conclude that you usually write as you ought with obsequiousnesse in which you betray your own weaknesse, first in supposeing we cannot judge between plainesse and Insolence, 2^ly^. in running yourselfe upon y^e^ same rock on which your Predecessour splitt. which If our Agent had been as well versed in history as he is in y^e^ vain ostentatious pomp of India, he would never have been guilty of whatever errour he might have fallen into your pride in thinking yourselves too good or too bigg to acknowledge a fault so obvious & notorious that no Indefferrent man can read your lres, nor y^e^ best freind you have though not of y^e^ Committee, without wondring at your intollerable presumtion & indiscretion.

A check to Mr. Master for his scornfull method of writeing.

4. Wee would have you forthwith sell or pull down M^r^ Fleetwoods house bringing y^e^ proceed of y^e^ materialls to his Creditt, for y^e^ rest we shall sue his security here

Mr. fleetwoods house ordered to be sould or puld down.

small hopes of freeing ye english captives at Zeilon but yet no endeavours to be wanting.

5. Upon frequent discourse with Mr. Knox here lately come from Zeilon wee are satisfied nothing can be done by you at present for ye redemtion of those English that remain upon that Island, but we have it under consideration to force a Trade there hereafter, but in ye mean time if you should have an oppertunity of doeing any thing for your Countrymen omitt it not.

A reason why ye ℔liament is not pressed for a grant of executing malefactors in India.

6. Wee are of your opinion that it may be best to have a power to execute notorious Malefactors there where they are sentenced, and such power upon application will be readily granted, but in regard that probably ye ℔liament may take into deliberation ye trade of India, now it is grown so considerable and nationall wee think fitt to desire no new additions to our Charter at present.

No trade at present to be settld at Pegu.

7. We have no purpose at present to settle a trade at Pegu but doe again enorder you to doe what is possible for procureing us this year a ℔ cell of that Sticklack & successively hereafter in other yeares.

Agent Masters progresse to ye Bay rather a detrimt. then an advantage to ye Compa. in many ℔ticulars.

8. Wee have read over all your consultation booke and considered well of our Losse and gaine by Agent Masters progresse (as wee may call it) being attended with such a princely Traine and Charge, as we would be unwilling not to acknowledge what was well done, so we must reprove what we think was a misse, and to be plaine with you (not in that ironicall sence you used that word as is before menconed) but in truth and reality, wee doe think our Losse and Expence thereby doth much over Ballance any advantage we have or may hereafter reap by it, for 1st. we doe observe ye expence was veary great ye retrenchments of Charge in ye severll factories are verry slight, your orders concerning that being mostly in generall Termes, and reduced to no kind of certainty, and If you shall say ye ℔ticulars could not be ascertained, as you doe in some of your said orders, sure ye annuall disbursment, might have been stinted within some certain bounds as it is at Surratt and Lately at Bombay.

& disapproveing ye profuse order for inlargemt of Brick buildings.

9. Next we observe yt you doe profusely give order at all places for great Inlargmts. in Brick buildings some probably there might have been absolute necessity for but that there should be such great need in every place on a sudden seemes strange and extravagant, and not withstanding what you say of ye Dutch reassuming their Drums and Pipes we are satisfied, and better informed from others. That though they doe use their Drums & Pipes still, yet they have prudently retrenched verry much of their Charge, in all places of India, besides as we have told you formerly our Case is not theirs and we hope never will be in that respect we goe to ye markett with ready mony in our hands; those that must be trusted have need to make ye finer outside.

Indiscretion in refuseing ye Pettepolee merchants & ye 500 Pa for ye abatemt of 8 ℔Co proves fraud instead of advantage.

Cloth ill sorted at Metchlepam & ye sorters to be turned out of service with disgrace.

10. Next wee doe utterly dislike your rejecting ye Pettepolee Merchants and worse your makeing us pay 500 Pags for ye Losse wee had by that indiscretion if you answare that mony was well given, for by it we got ye abatement of 8 : p . Co: upon all ye Metchlepatam Investments, we must tell you we would gladly force ourselves to hope you Intended it so, but whether you did or no, god allmighty (who is ye searcher of hearts) only knows, but in fact, it proves fraud upon us, and all our goods (generally speaking) from thence doe come dearer this yeare then ever they did since we had a trade in that place, and worse sorted esspecially Long cloath and Sallampores, ye fault probably might be in ye ℔sons intrusted with ye sorting of ye goods, and If you be of opinion, as wee are that so it was, wee doe require you without further examination to send down one or two trusty ℔sons from ye Fort to be of Councill, and to do that businesse there and turn those unfaithfull servants forthwith out of our service with shame and disgrace.

ye conveniences of sorting & packing each ℔ticular factories goods by themselves.

11. Had you dealtt with ye pettopollee merchants as well as with thos of Metchlepm & Maddapollam, and packd ye goods of each of those three places by themselves (which for ye future we enjoyn you to give directions to be continually observd) wee should have been able at all times to observe by ye goods here, which of those sort of Merchants served us best, and which of our factors sorted our goods best according to musters, and accordingly have ordered ye restraint or enlargement of our Investments with any of them of which wee shall write you more in an after Paragraph.

12. Wee observe all you write of y^e^ advantages of stocks before hand, concerning which we wrote you our opinions Last yeare, which wee doe now confirm your argueing concerning that matter wee doe not dislike and y^e^ Method of sending Diaries and consultations, and accounts of Cash Monthly to y^e^ head factory, wee doe so well approve of, we doe enjoyn you without favour or forbearance, to turn out any from our service of what quality or degree so ever they be that you shall find remisse in that ℔ticular, the like wee say of any that shall make a private use, of y^e^ Least part of our Stock in any place, both being crimes wee will admitt of no excuse for, esspecially since we have so generously allowed to all our servants a free Trade to all places within our Charter, except to and from Europe which y^e^ Dutch never did, nor will as wee suppose.

an approbation & positive order yt consultations accts cash &c. be sent to ye head factorys every month.

13. Wee observe what you write in that paragraph concerning buildings y^t^ you will consider our Intrest therein as if they were your own ℔ticular concern so farre as a ℔ticular can bear proportion with a nationall, which words though they are fairly exprest doe seem to carry a meaning in them which wee cannot approve in you, and doe believe is a notion Agent Masters carried too farre to our damage in his Late progresse, y^e^ Company is nationall but you are our servants, Live in grandure and doe greatly augment your estates by our favour, and you must (if you will be honest) observe our commands without respect to futurities, which we are y^e^ proper Judges of in our own businesse, notwithstanding we shall never think amisse of any modest advice you shall give us for our present benefitt or y^e^ future advantage, of y^e^ Inglish East India Trade but wee are possitively resolved y^t^ wee will be obeyed by all that serve us there; whatever Losse wee may sustaine by repeated change of them.

Agent Master blamed for his diffinition of a ℔ticular & a nationall concern about buildings.

ye company are resolved to be obeyed.

14. Wee are in your Letters troubled with Long Sections concerning y^e^ methed of Succession, you make y^e^ Doctrine more intricate then y^e^ text, and at Last a use shamefully contradictory to either of them as you did in y^e^ case of our old and good servant M^r^ Job Charnock, who had y^e^ right indisputably of succession as you call it, besides our expresse order to be cheife of Cassambuzar a ℔son that hath served us faithfully above 20 yeares, and has never as wee understand been a proller for himselfe beyond what was just and modest who therefore wee are resolved shall not Live unrewarded by us, our Letters were plaine enough that he should be Cheife of Cassambuzar, and at y^e^ same Time Second of y^e^ Bay in degree, and to succeed M^r^ Vincent as Cheife of y^e^ Bay in case of his death or removeall, his staying at Pattana to dispatch y^e^ Peter boats was his care and duty to our service, that being a matter of such concernment as he verry well knew to y^e^ dispatch of our Shipps, and therefore Agent Master did verry ill and contrary to his duty and y^e^ trust reposed in him in takeing hold of that pretence to dispossesse an honest man, of y^e^ Just reward of his fidelity due to him by all right, wee doe therefore require our Agent Gyfford and Councill that upon your arrivall at y^e^ Fort, you doe immediately dispatch an Expresse to M^r^ Charnock, with y^e^ contents of so much of this Letter as concernes him and our affaires at Pattana, ordering him therein with all possible expedition to settle all our affaires there and Leave them in a regular and due method and from thence presently repaire to Cassambuzar to take y^e^ remaines from M^r^ Littleton and y^e^ possession of our factory and affaires as Cheife at Cassambuzar and that M^r^ Littleton if he Like it proceed to be second at Hughly and to have y^e^ place of third in y^e^ Bay, if he like not this wee give him Leave to come home although he be a ℔son whom we have good thoughts of, as you may ℔ceive by our last years Lett^rs^ but we will not be disobeyed by any that serve us.

Mr. Masters unequall dealing with Mr. Charnock & a possitive order that Mr. Charnock proceed from Pattana as Cheife of Cassambusar.

Mr. Littleton to go 2d at Hughly, or if he like it not, to have leave to come home, tho: ye compa have good thoughts of him.

15. As to y^e^ querees you make concerning succession of our Cheifes at Madapollam & Metchlepatam and y^e^ systemn you give us for a new Settlement you have puzled yourselfe and us so long with that kind of grammar, that we are weary of it and doe resolve, that except what hath been said before in y^e^ case of M^r^ Charnock and M^r^ Littleton and except what our Selves may hereafter direct, that all ℔sons shall hold y^e^ same Stations and be at y^e^ same Salleries they were by y^e^ List now sent home, other then such as our Agent Gyfford and Councill shall find cause to Expell our Service for unfaithfullnesse, misdemeanors or neglects, and in such case we would have those, next below in degree if they be disserving, to supply y^e^ roomes of those that shall be deceased or soe rejected till our further order be known,

Agent Masters syematicall proposition for new settlements rejected.

if Agent Gyfford turn out any ℔son for misdemeanor next to succe

orders for regulateing ye factories in ye Bay approved of.

16. The orders you have made for regulateing our factories in y^e^ Bay & other places wee think to be excellent good, forme and order we know is needfull in all businesses, but y^e^ Life soule and successe of every affaire consists in frugallity fidelity care and diligence, and if you be not carefull to hold all our servants to y^e^ ℔formance of those orders they will signifie nothing.

no ℔son to be of Councill at ye Fort but those 6 p last in y^e^ front of ye Life.

17. If any ℔son beside those six first named in y^e^ title or front of this Letter should be removed into y^e^ Councill no such ℔son (not named as aforesaid, shall have vote or suffrage, therein after y^e^ arrivall of these shipps, or any other be recd into councill but in case of y^e^ decease of any of y^e^ six before named without our own expresse order, notwithstanding wee doe direct and order you our Agent Gyfford and Councill so constituted as aforesaid to preferre M^r^ John Davis and M^r^ Vincent Sayon to some of y^e^ Councell in y^e^ Bay or Matchlepatam upon y^e^ next vacancy or occasion, and if there should bee occasion for y^e^ Cheife of y^e^ Bay at any time to be at Fort S^t^ George he may take his place between y^e^ third and fourth in Councill but that his more honoris gratiâ Then for businesse.

Mr. Davis & Mr. Sayon to be preferd at ye Bay or Metchlepatam.

Orders made in ye Bay ye 12 Xbr. & at Metchlepm ye 10 & 14 Janry well approved of & ye due execution of them strictly enjoyned.

18. Wee do agree with you that neglecting to Ballance and Coppy y^e^ bookes of Accounts within a month after y^e^ day prefixed in which they ought to be ballanced May be of greater prejudice to us, then a Cheife not sending y^e^ Dyary and Accompts of Cash monthly, but neither of them is tollerable and both may be cured if you doe execute without partiallity y^e^ orders made in y^e^ Bay y^e^ 12 of December, and at Maddapallam and Metchlepatam y^e^ 10: & 14: of Janu: Last which we doe hereby confirme, and require you to forbeare none of our servants neglect of y^e^ execution of them, to which purpose wee shall send you 6: or 8: adult ℔sons this yeare who shall reside at y^e^ fort & there be verst in our businesse, and from thence shall be sent as occasion offers or as you our Agent and Councell shall judge them fitting to be of Inferiour Councills in y^e^ Bay Metchlep^m^ and other places in y^e^ roome of others deceased or displaced where you shall find any of our servants to neglect their duties our orders or other orders made by you for our service.

nothing to be allowed to Mr Nurse.

19. Wee shall allow nothing to M^r^ Nurse or any such disorderly ℔sons and wee expect your care to prevent their being in our houses or at our tables to be an ill example to others or any Charge to us.

inconveniency of freight goods to be Laden on ye Compa ships to Metchlepm or ye Bay.

20. Wee are informed y^t^ y^e^ delay of y^e^ dispatch of our Shipps in y^e^ Bay & at Metchlepa^m^ was occasioned by abundance of private trade; that went and returned up with them, wherefore for y^e^ future wee doe enjoyn you absolutely to prohibit our Commanders from takeing in any kind of goods to carry from fort S^t^ George to Metchlepatam or y^e^ Bay or any other place or to bring any goods from thence except for y^e^ Compa for we vallue not those pittifull freights with respect to y^e^ speedy dispatch of our Shipps.

Ye great quanty of private trade that went up & down with Mr. Master Lessen̄d ye Investment at ye Bay.

21. You guessed at many reasons that slacked and Lessen̄d our Investments in y^e^ Bay and probably there may be somewhat in each of them, but we are assured that y^e^ great quantity of private trade, that went down and up w^th^ Agent Master was likewise no small hindrance which wee order to be avoided for y^e^ future, that we may have cause to continue that boundlesse indulgence wee give to our Servants to trade with their own estates to all parts of India.

Mr. Hatton Mr. Tivill &c. did not acquit themselfes well.

22. How well M^r^ Hatton M^r^ Tivill and M^r^ Wynn have acquitted themselfes this yeare you will understand by y^e^ quality of y^e^ goods rec^d^ from them, If they had not done better formerly, and wee hope they will doe better in y^e^ next wee should not trust them to a further experiment.

ye excuse given for ye Merchants Impertinent.

23. Wee observe the Impertinent and thred bare excuse you give for y Merchants by which wee suppose you mean Verona and his partners makeing their Cloth so bad viz^t^ dearnesse of Cotton, they cannot Live by y^e^ price &c. whereas wee know they gaine vast estates by us, and live accordingly & might yet Live Better, if they had not many hard Bargaines forced upon them, on others accounts, not ours, which wee require to be redressed and that M^r^ Bridger y^e^ Warehousekeeper, and y^e^ ℔son wee design for his assistant be required to hold them strictly to y^e^ goodnesse of their musters, without that all your contracts how wisely so ever they be made, signifie not two farthings, pretending to buy our Cloath 10℔ C^o^. Cheaper then formerly and being in thinnesse and sorting 20 ℔ C^o^ worse.

Mr. Bridger required to hold them strictly to their Masters.

24. Wee doe not dislike y^e^ manner of your application to us for a further enlargment of our Indulgences for new Invented Stuffes but y^e^ matter of it we doe totally reject haveing found by experience that new stuffes work upon y^e^ old ones as dried spratts doe upon red herrings, the former pull downe y^e^ Price of y^e^ Latter though they be not directly the same.

Ye Inventing of new fashion'd stuffes proves a detriment to ye [Sale of] ye old.

25. Wee take notice of 2 : or 3 Paragraphs you write about our Shipping wherein wee observe nothing considerable, but y^e^ proposall, that all y^e^ owners shall take y^e^ oath of a freeman, which wee shall consider of in due time In y^e^ meanwhile, all y^e^ Commanders Mates pursers and Cherurgeons have taken that oath y^e^ rest will keep cold to be further thought of.

The Comanders Mate &c have taken ye oath of freemen.

26. You cannot two often inculcate our orders that none of our Servants be ℔mitted to have more Sallery paid them then is by our rules Limitted, & in case any doe receive more turn out y^e^ payer and receiver upon y^e^ first knowledge thereof and put more orderly ℔sons in their places.

persons yt receive more sallery then by ye Compa rules limited both payer & receiver to be turned out of service.

✓ 27. What you have done about private trade in y^e^ Country and Dustucks, wee like well and shall like it better hereafter, if you hold all ℔sons to those rules Perseverance being y^e^ life of businesse as well as of religion.

approbation of what done about private trade & dusticks.

28. Wee shall encrease no Salleries nor make any further allowance to our Servants then wee have done, y^e^ late Agent Master haveing so burthened us with motion of that kind, that he hath turned our Stomacks against y^m^ to bee free with you it Lookes like a design of an espousing endearing and setting up a seperate Intrest against your Imployers att home which is as vaine in y^e^ attempt as it would prove monstruous and detestible in y^e^ event, it is enough that for one ℔son wee have occasion to send abroad wee have a hundred Solicitors here, and for any that are abroad if they like not our service and allowances, free liberty they have to Leave them and come home when they will.

Dislike of Agent Masters propositions of Increasing Sallaries and allowances.

29. Tuching intestate ℔sons not in our service wee shall give no order about their estates, it being not with our good likeing, though it be by our connivance, y^t^ some of them stay there after they are out of our Imployment.

Ye Compa will not meddle with ye estates of deceased freemen.

30. Your dealing with M^r^ Chomley Lookes more like a practice to bring him of, then a purpose to discover y^e^ frauds and abuses done to ourselfes and others in y^e^ former years investment of Diamonds, you know well enough that in such a publique way of examination, nothing was like to be discovered and that y^e^ Surer way had been, to have made private enquiries of those abuses, in such cases hereafter we hope you will be more Cordiall to our Intrest, & y^r^ own, knowing y^t^ men y^t^ goe about to deceive us doe but dance in a net w^ch^ every body sees through, whilst themselfes think they are under Covering.

The irregular way of ye publick examition of Mr. Cholmley

31. Wee have retracted y^e^ payment of y^e^ arrears of Sallary at Bombay which wee formerly allowed to bee Laid out in Buildings there, and therefore wee shall give no way to y^e^ payment of such arrears for that or any other ends at Fort S^t^ George or ellse where neither doe we yet see cause sufficient to direct all Inglishmens vessells to touch at Fort S^t^ George ; or Bombay ; notwithstanding all your arguments upon that point seem to have some Shew of reason in them, and something ellse of private Intrest.

no arrears of Sallary to be Laid out in Building.

concerning all English vessells Touchng at ye fort.

32. Your Contracts for Treasure or Comutation of Bullion at Cassambuzar wee hope may be for our Service, but Length of time must determine that all your other ℔petuall Contracts wee doe utterly dislike, there being many holes Left for y^e^ Merchants to Creep out at, esspecially while our goods are so ill sorted, but wee should be indispensibly tied, if we should approve of Their perpetuity which wee never will, though for order sake you may goe on in y^e^ same method for your next years investment, and so forward as wee shall see cause and not otherwise.

Dislike of perpetuall Contracts, tho at present it is ℔mitted.

33. Wee have well considered what you write concerning Decca and Malda factories and upon y^e^ whole matter wee doe resolve to continue Decca factory in y^e^ same hands as formerly or so mony [*sic*] of them as shall be Liveing when this comes

concerning Maulda and Decca factories.

to your hands, wee know M^r. Harvey hath parts good enough to do our businesse, a well as his own, and wee hope our kindnesse to him in this resolution will cause hin to Exert his utmost diligence in our service and render himselfe in our opinions a diligent faithfull and gratefull Serv^t. Besides in regard you say y^e same goods ma be provided at Maulda as at Decca wee doe rather incline to keep both factories, tha wee may judge. By y^e goods when they come home, who serves us best in y^e pric and quality of y^e goods, besides which we have an other advantage that by y^e said tw factories, wee can enlarge our Investments in those kind of Commodities to wha degree wee please, whereas we find by experience we pay for it in the quality of ou goods, whatever price you accompt upon or agree for.

of Mr. Edwards Death.

34. Wee take notice of M^r. Edwards death & vanity of his Life, and desire you further care to see y^e Company fully righted out of what he Left behind him.

by y^e neglect of y^e sorters at Metchlepata y^e merchants made amends for their Losse by y^e Storme.

35. You give us a relation at Length of y Damage done by y^e Tempest a Metchlepa^m. and y^e Demand of y^e merchants for an allowance in consideration of tha damage which you put of with good words &c but wee find to our Losse that did no serve their Turn, through y^e neglect of our store keeper or sorter, for in y^e quality of y^e goods they have sufficiently reprised themselfes for that Losse.

Abuse of y^e sortment of Longcloth & Sallampores for Bantam, Agent Gyfford &c desired to overlooke y^e godownes at y^r Leasure.

36. Wee observe what you say in excuse for y^e Longcloth sallampoores &c sen by y^e Tywan to Bantam, and notwithstanding all that is alledged we have yet to much cause to fear there was an abuse in that sortment, y^e rather, because wee se y^e same with our own eyes in y^e Like goods recd from your place this year, and we have no cause to think that those for Battam should be better but rather worse wherefore we doe desire that our Agent Gyfford and all others of y^e Councill, a their other businesse will give Leasure, would Looke into the goodownes and Inspec y^e sortments of our goods, which is y^e maine thing on w^ch. our businesse depends a much as upon y^e contract it selfe.

a promise of sending Better medicines.

37. Your frequent complaints and wee believe just ones of y^e medicaments sen from hence hath caused us to put by all that served us so ill formerly to order y buying of other men this year, by meanes whereof wee hope you will be bette supplied.

of y^e Investments of silk & orders for y^e Inlargment of them.

38. Wee haveing now answared all y^e materiall paragraphs of your said Lette except 2 or 3 we reserve for further consideration, wee shall proceed to other matters and first being resolved upon Larger Investments in Silk then you have yet made us notwithstanding our urgent and frequent demands, which we did hope our Lat Agent Master would have throughly effected, when he put us upon Charge of a Voyage so farre as Cassambuzar, wee doe now send a Large Stock for that purpose and doe write effectually to M^r. Charnock to put our orders concerning that commo dity in effectuall Execution which we would have you inculcate to him and ou Councill There.

referred to y^e Section in y^e Bay Letter. order y^t silke be bought in & about Cassambuzar & Hughly.

39. Wee are likewise informed by M^r. Read that great quantities of raw sill may be bought in and about Hughly and Ballasore though not altogeather so Chea as at Cassambuzar, we would have you order y^e vallue of [*Lacuna in the original*] t be Imployed in that commodity in those places, y^e repartition whereof wee shall leav to you, but according to our Information [*Lacuna in the original*] may well be investe therein at Hughly, and the remaining being [*Lacuna in the original*] at Ballasore.

40. In regard we find upon reading your consultation Booke, that severall sort of Bay goods usually provided at Hughly may as well bee had at Ballasore and i regard wee design a great Enlargment of our Investments in y^e Bay as also for y reason before given in another Like case viz^t. that we may see here from whence we have y^e best, as well as y^e Cheapest goods, we would have you Immediately giv

The Diamond Trade wholely taken into y^e Compas hands & a stock of 60000£ sent.

order for y^e contracting for; and y^e provideing of 6: or 8000 worth of such sort o goods as may be had there, for y^e ℔ticulars whereof wee referre you to y^e Lis herewith sent, and any other new sorts that are pleasant to y^e eye Strong and Chea

41. The next thing wee are to acquaint you with is, that upon mature consideratio wee have taken into y^e Comp^a. own hands y^e whole Trade of Diamonds As yo will perceive by a Coppy of an order of Court sent you herewith in which wee hav

taken such care for y^e^ honest Encouragment of our Agent and Councill as well as for y^e^ Commanders and owners of Shipps, that we think no reasonable men can find themselfes aggreived at any thing therein conteyned, if there be any yet that shall mislike our resolution, wee only wish wee were rid of Such Servants, and that they could find Better Masters. The Stock that wee have sent out this year to be Imployed in that Commodity, as you will perceive by y^e^ Invoices &c. is £60000, but wee doe expressly enjoyn that none of it bee sent up to y^e^ Mines, nor any Diamonds bought but at y^e^ Fort which wee doubt not but in few years to make y^e^ Mart of India for that Commodity if our Agent and Councill doe their parts, well knowing that notwithstanding all you say Trade will follow mony, and force its own Method of Exchange, conveyance &c., of which we have had many fold experience in other places, and some of us at that Town of Maderas where 100000 Pagds might have been Invested in one yeare, so Long Since as in Agent Foxcrafts time, and if at first they doe not come to our Town so Plentifully or Cheap our Agent and Councill being y^e^ sole buyers for England may stand of till y^e^ Sellers are reduced to reason, and dispose of all or part of y^e^ Stock in many other wayes to our advantage, but most advantageously by enlargeing our Investments at Cassambuzar and in y^e^ Bay which wee doe accordingly order to be done in such case.

That the Investment be made at y^e^ fort.

42. Wee now send you an able booke keeper as most this Citty affoards of his years, to reside at Hughly at y^e^ Sallery of £40 ℔annum, to be booke keeper generall of y^e^ Bay but not to be of y^e^ Councill there or els where in y^e^ Bay because those Councills are full and wee will not disturb y^e^ order they are in already, but in as much as y^e^ keeping of such small bookes is not Imploym^t^ enough for so ready a pen man, wee have ordered y^e^ said Booke keeper M^r^ Mountage, to doe any other Service as writing out of Invoices, or to do any other businesse whatsoever that y^e^ Cheife and Councill there shall putt him upon, and never y^e^ Lesse wee doe expect y^e^ Charge of seeing y^e^ accounts duly entered, and sent to y^e^ head factory shall rest upon y^e^ Second as formerly Though we doe affard such an Assistant as M^r^ Mountage to y^t^ factory in regard it so much concernes us to have it kept in order.

An able bookekeeper sent to y^e^ Bay.

43. Wee wrote you Last yeare verry earnestly to make us full returnes from all Places, which wee hope you have effected and, wee then promised you that y^e^ Larger our returnes were y^e^ greater Increase wee intended to make of our Stock in Bullion to you which you will find by our Invoyces that wee have fully ℔ formed and now we must say y^e^ same thing if y^e^ return of this Stock Doth fully answare our outsett, wee shall goe on in enlargeing proportionably, there being in y^e^ Bay esspecially so many new Sorts of goods and such vent for them here, that y^e^ trade of that place may in a few yeares bee exceedingly enlarged if y^e^ Seed that wee sow (viz^t^ our Stock in ready mony) bee as well cultivated by our people there.

If full returnes bee made then a promise to enlarge y^e^ stock^e^.

44. The not sending us y^e^ Bay Letters Invoyces &c by this years Shipping gives us too great confirmation of what wee have heard, that they were overmuch Crowded and Incumbered with y^e^ Burthen of private trade and y^e^ frameing Co-partnershipps Indentures &c, which we hope you will take care to prevent y^e^ Damage of hereafter, at that season of y^e^ year when our Shipps are there at other times when it may not hurt us we wish our Servants as good luck in Tradeing with their own Stocks as they can desire; but if they trade with ours they shall be forthwith dismissed our Service.

The greatnesse of y^e^ private Trade the reason why y^e^ Bay Letters were not sent.

45. Though wee have mentioned before wee doe again commend to y^r^ esspeciall care y^e^ provideing for us to come by this Shipping 100 tons pegu Sticklack, not so much for y^e^ account it will Turn to here, as for y^e^ Increase of our Tonage it being our endeavour to encrease as much y^e^ navigation of y^e^ Kingdom as our own estates and upon that reason wee shall endeavour to send you by these Shipps for y^e^ Bay 2 hemp dressers, and one or 2 Spinners & a Weavor That may put them into a way of makeing such hempen Saille Cloth as this Kingdom is usually supplied with from France and Holland comonly called Noyles Canvas and Hollands Duck.

order that 100 Tonns Stick Lacke be sent home.

Two hemp dressers sent to y^e^ Bay for makeing of sail cloth.

List of goods to be provided one Coppy for Agent Gyfford another for Mr. Vincent. Liberty of sending new Samples of goods to England.

46. With this you will receive our generall List of goods to be provided at all places within your Agency, in y^e^ Composeing whereof wee found ourselves at a great Losse, for want of y^e^ Bay Invoices, and were forced to supply that defect as well as wee could by conjecture, and y^e^ account of our Sales here, of which wee have given Agent Gyfford one Coppy and sent another to M^r^· Vincent for your and his Government. You will see by y^e^ List that wee have given you and him great Liberty to enlarge in y^e^ new Sort of goods of which we have had musters this yeare, and if there be as we know there are, many other kinds of which we never had Samples in England, which you may reasonably conjecture, will turn to account, you may send us 6 or 8 Bales of each Sort for y^e^ enlargment of our investment, & makeing our returnes & Tonnage Compleat.

Shipps sent for y^e^ Coast and Bay this year.

47. The Shipps we design for y^e^ Coast and Bay this year are y^e^ Bengala Merchant Cap^t^· John Gouldsbroug burthen 570 Tonns, y^e^ golden fleece Cap^t^· James Cooke, Burthen 565 Tonns, y^e^ George, Cap^t^· Nehemiah Earning Burthen 570 Tonns y^e^ Cæsar Cap^t^· Jonathan Andrewes burthen 530 Tonns & the Anne Cap^t^· Leanard Brown burden 460 tonns whereof we Intend y^e^ George and y^e^ Anne shall saille directly for y^e^ Bay as soone as they come of y^e^ Cape of good hope, that they may have their mony their in due time.

M^r^. Master ordered to pay back his whole gratuity & halfe Sallary with India Intrest.

48. Our late Agent Master his takeing of his whole Salary and gratuity in India was such a Bare facd presumtion as we have never met with y^e^ Like, S^r^· W^m^· Langhorn had some coulor for his doeing it, viz^t^· his haveing Left in our hands Above y^e^ vallue of his gratuity and halfe Sallery being his ℔mission mony for Dyamonds, so that we doe require y^e^ said M^r^· Master to pay back y^e^ said whole gratuity and halfe Sallary by him extraordinary charged to accom^t^· and see that wee bee satisfied for y^e^ Same with East India Intrest as we ordered in y^e^ case of S^r^· W^m^· Langhorn.

no ℔ sons to be made of Councill but by y^e^ Compa. order except upon y^e^ Death or removeall of ℔ sons.

49. Wee observe in our Late Agent Masters progresse to y^e^ Bay, that he often tooke in some of those which he accounts as Senior Merchants to be of y^e^ extraordinary Councill (as he calls it) which is a practice we doe not like, nor will ℔mitt in any case for y^e^ future, which wee would have you to observe, notwithstanding any thing we have formerly writ or any rules we have formerly made or y^e^ construction of them, our Expresse order is, that no ℔son be added to any of our Councills without our own order except only in y^e^ case of Death or removeall, and in such case y^e^ ℔son so added to be only account'd probationall till he be confirmed by ourselfes.

100 or 150 tons red Saunders to be sent this year & to agree with y^e^ Captains for a small freight.

50. Wee would have you send by our Shipps y^e^ quantity of 100 or 150 tonns of red Sanders wood agreeing with y^e^ Commanders of our Shipps to bring it at a small freight, it being but in y^e^ nature of Dinnage, to Lead your Judgments wherein, and Induce y^e^ Commanders to resonable Termes, you may mind them that we have agreed for y^e^ freight of Copper from Bantam this year upon the Same reason for £ 4–13–4 ℔tonne. (sh d)

severall sorts of Carpetts made at Ellor to be sent to England.

51. In y^e^ consultation booke recd this year from y^e^ fort page 185 we take notice y^t^ at Elore a Town were our late Agent went through there are made a Sort of Persia Carpetts, which we have cause to doubt they will not make a gainfull Commodity here, yet being willing to try all Experiments for y^e^ enlargment of our trade, we would have you send us 100 Carpitts in all, whereof some of y^e^ Better Sorts 2 yards wide, & 3 to 4½ yards in Length, some about 3 yards Long and 2½ broad some about 2½ y^ds^· Long & 2 y^ds^· broad, & some about 2 y^ds^· Long and 1½ y^d^· Broad.

Order ye old debt be got in.

52. Give order to our Cheife and Councill at Metchlepatam and y^e^ Bay to be verry diligent & carefull to get in all our old debts at Verrasherron & Ballasore and all other places within either of those Cheifeshipps.

Superfluous buildings to be prevented.

53. Our late Agent ordered much building in Cassambuzar and other places when he went down into y^e^ Bay last, as wee suppose more then was necessary wee doe therefore recommend it to your care so farre as you can to prevent any superfluous buildings which you shall come time enough to hinder, either at fort S^t^· George or ells where, and in all places retrench our Charge as much as possibly you can.

54. Wee likewise recommend to you y^e^ Improvement of y^e^ revenue of our Town and Mint, what hath already been done therein you will see, and wee hope your Ingenuity and Zealle for our Intrest will make yet a farre greater Improvement, it being but reasonable in our Judgments, that those y^t^ Live under so mild a government as ours is should some way or other contribute so much towards y^e^ Government as may defray y^e^ Charge thereof.

The revenue of ye Town and Mint to be Improved.

55. Wee have said before that we did approve and ratify y^e^ orders made by our Late Agent Master at his being in y^e^ Bay, but wee observe in y^e^ Settlement at Hughly page 328 that he orders no new merchants to be Imployed without order in Consultation and y^e^ reason expressed therein, which whole passage is unpleasing to us for we would have new men Imployed & Incouraged when any such being responsible ℔sons shall present, and for y^e^ qualifying words, viz^t^ without order in Consultation &c., wee Looke upon them as superfluous in that case, for that our constant mind and order is, that every thing in our affaires should be done by consultation whether it concernes old merchants or new ones or any other matter.

The Compa ordrs yt new merchts that are responsible be Imployed.

56. Wee had so ill Successe with our Late Agents goeing down with so great a trade to y^e^ Bay by which we suppose we came to want our Letters and Invoices from thence, and had like to had lost y^e^ monsoones for our Shipps and suffered many other prejudices in our Cargo) that we doe now forbid our now elected Agent M^r^ Gyfford to make any such voyage or removeall for y^e^ future, at our Charge without expresse order for so doeing, notwithstanding if you think it advisable, we shall not think it amisse if you send over M^r^ John Stables or some other ℔son Skillfull in Linnens to assist in this yeares investment at Metchlepatam or Maddapollam, to take care that y^e^ goods be kept up to y^e^ goodnesse of their muster, wee being verry ill served in that respect there y^e^ Last yeare, and if upon consideration you find it for our Intrest to send him or any other merchants thither, for that purpose we would have him be last of councill there whilst he stayes upon y^e^ place, but to return back to you with our Shipps to give you account of his proceedings.

The Agent not to remove from ye fort But if occasion require to send some able ℔ son to over looke ye sorting.

57. Wee have mentioned before our resolution to have no goods sent or retured by our Shipps, to or from y^e^ Bay but our own goods, and although wee are not willing to withdraw that Liberty of trade, wee have given our Servants in India so Long as it is used with any kind of moderation yet wee doe obsolutely forbid y^e^ Imploying, any of our Sloopes, Budgrowes or other vessells upon any businesse except our own, and that y^e^ Loading of any goods upon any of our said vessells except y^e^ Companys own goods, or also y^e^ useing y^e^ Least part of our Stock or mony in your own trades we shall Looke upon as an inexpiable crime, which we will never pardon in y^e^ best of our Servants, and we have given absolute order to all y^e^ Commanders to take in no goods upon any private account another Caution wee must likewise enjoyn you to be observant of which is that you doe not dealle in any of ye Commodities, which usually y^e^ Company write for for Europe, untill such time as y^e^ Compa. Shipps are dispatched for Europe, this Caution is grounded upon Information wee have Lately had, that a private trade Shipp was dispatched from Cassambuzar last yeare w^th^ 100 or 150 bales of Silk, which was one great cause why our Silk Investment Last year fell so exceeding short of what was ordered by us.

No Ships Sloopes &c to be Imployed but to be kept wholy for ye Compa use.

No Commodities of ye Compa to be delt in till ye Shipps are dispatched for England.

58. Wee send you herewith a List of all y^e^ goods we would have you provide & cause to be provided against y^e^ ensuing yeare, what we doe expect home this yeare you will find by y^e^ Coppy of our former Letters at y^e^ fort and now because we would have all our five Shipps returned with their full and compleat Loadings and for fear you should be necessitated to fall short in y^e^ quantity of some of y^e^ ℔ticular kind of goods that wee have formerly writ for, being confident of your Integrity and care for our Intrest wee shall give you Leave in case of such necessary failure in y^e^ quantity of any kind of goods this yeare, to supply such a defect by an increase in some other sort of goods which you can easilyer procure on a Sudden, and which you shall judge may turne us best to account, but against y^e^ next yeare wee expect you should be provided exactly to Load y^e^ Severall Sorts and quantities mentioned in our List

If ye ships cannot be full Laden with ye goods ye Company desire, then left to the discretion of ye Agent to Lade others.

59. The most prejudiciall faults in our this years Cargo were as followeth, Long Cloth from y^e^ fort N^o^ 1, 2, 3, were Shortner narrower and Thinner then ever formerly and Likewise verry unequally sorted.

faults in ye Last yeares Cargo.

faults in the Long cloth from Metchlepatam.

60. The Long Cloth from Metchlepatam N°. 2 : 3 : 4 : were thin Short and dear and wanted three yards of their Length, y^e^ Neck cloths, (those of halfe Bettelees) were much worse then formerly but must be brought up to y^e^ goodnesse, of 40 Coved Bettelees, y^e^ Blew Long Cloath must be dyed out of y^e^ thickest brown Long Cloth and y^e^ Congee water not to be too thick and after y^e^ Beating of them they must be fully dried before packed to prevent y^e^ Spotts which usually come in y^m^.

all goods to be kept up to their ancient musters in Agent foxcrofts time.

61. All Sorts of goods at y^e^ fort must be brought and kept to y^e^ full goodnesse of y^e^ musters that were in Agent Foxcrofts time, y^e^ Like care to return to y^e^ ancient goodnesse you must provide for in y^e^ Bay and at Metchlepatam.

Satisfaction required from them, who contrary to order sent Cotton Romalls from Metchlepatam.

62. Wee have wrote this two years that no Cotton Romolls should be sent us from thence except they might be brought 40 or 50 ℔ C°. Cheaper, notwithstanding contrary to our said order you have sent us 20000 p^s^ this yeare by which wee Loose intollerably, we require you to examine how this come to be done for we shall expect satisfaction from them that have so directly acted contrary to our orders.

a baile of ℔calles wanting.

63. There is a baile of Percallis M N°. 9 wanting for which y^e^ Cap^t^ of y^e^ George gave a Bill of Loading Let inquiry be made after it and return us an account thereof.

severall goods wanting in y^e^ Bay.

64. There are severall goods wanting in y^e^ Bay according to a list inclosed to our great damage and prejudice to our buyers Let all Imaginable care be taken to prevent it hereafter.

of Taffaties falling short in their Length.

65. Both this year and y^e^ Last severall Taffities have fallen Short in their Lengths by means whereof we have been necessitated to make severall allowances of 40 : or 50 : yards in a Chest, Let esspeciall care be taken hereafter that each Single peice be made full 10 yards Long, double and Treble peices proportionable.

Goods of one sort to be packed in a baille & not to be intermixt.

66. They have from y^e^ Bay packed severall Bailles with different Sort of goods and Packed severall sorts of goods in one baille, which we would have alwaise forbourn hereafter, except in Bailles of Musters, but that each sort of goods be singly Imbayeled by themselfes, and that they doe Looke better hereafter to y^e^ equall Sorting of their goods, which was shamefully neglected this yeare, esspecially y^e^ Mullmulls, many of which were much freyed and some of Them finer and some Courser in a Baile by 10^s^ in a peice, advise them constantly that all goods of y^e^ same marke and Number, be of an equall goodnesse advise them likewise to continue to send patterns of each Chest of Taffaties as they have Lately done, and put them into y^e^ Chest that we may y^e^ easier know, what coullors and how many peicees of each there is in a Chest.

more cotton to be betwixt ye wax cloth & ye goods & not so much oyle in ye wax cloth.

67. The wax cloth made at y^e^ fort hath too much oyle in it, and by reason of y^e^ heat in y^e^ Shipps hold runns and damages our goods, take great care y^t^ y^e^ said wax cloth be well dried before used, and that Cotton enough be put Between y^e^ wax cloth and y^e^ goods.

no passengers to goe upon ye Compa Shipps.

68. As we wrote you before that we would have no goods but our own sent on our Shipps to or from Metchlepatam or y^e^ Bay, so we doe absolutely enjoyn you and all our Commanders not to Suffer any passengers, to goe upon our Shipps to or from those places and that you give this in Charge to our Commanders and advise us ℔ticularly if any of them presume to break our orders therein.

if ye full quantity of red Saunders cannot be got send wt you can.

69. If you cannot provide on good termes y^e^ full quantity of red Saunders wood to be sent us by this yeares Shipping, send us but 50 : or 60 tonns now & provide 100 tonns more against next years Shipping.

one of ye Councill with a factor to goe to Porto Novo to buy Long Cloth.

70. Wee did in y^e^ time of S^r^ Tho : Chambers Agency receive verry good & cheap Long Cloth, that was provided for our account at porta nova and we are assured that Since, Long Cloth brown hath been bought there in y^e^ best season for about 17 pag^ds^ ℔ Corge ; therefore upon y^e^ arrivall of our Shipping wee doe order, that you send one of y^e^ Councill decently accompanied with one of our factors to buy up &

Contract for what Long Cloth and other Sorts of Callicoes you shall think most for our Service, and after some Short Stay there to return back to y^e^ fort, and for such goods that shall be bought there let them be numbred distinctly from those you send us which are bought at y^e^ fort and let y^e^ ℔sons that goe thither give us a perticular account of their proceedings in your pacquitt by y^e^ return of these Shipps, we likewise think it for our service, that they contract with y^e^ merchants of that place to goe on to provide a good parcell of Long cloth and other Callicoes against y^e^ arrivall of y^e^ next years Shipping, that so ℔ticuler ℔sons in our Service or otherwise may not reap y^e^ advantage of buying cheap at that place to our detriment which we have cause to fear hath been too often practised formerly.

Perticular men to be dealt with about Callicoes and to protect them from Verona &ca.

71. The badnesse and ill Sortment of our goods this year both from y^e^ fort and Metchlepatam doth necessitate us to revive to you an order which we have long since given, and which we did hope our late Agent Master would have reduced into use viz^t^ to give encouragement to severall other merchants in and about y^e^ fort to make contracts with you for Callicoes, besides Verona and his partners who buy of others to his great profitt, which you might have of themselfes on better termes, and this wee doe think is necessary for our Service, notwithstanding all y^e^ plausible objections, that have been wrote us against it by y^e^ Last or other Agents before him, and would have you make a begining therein upon these additionall Callicoes, that wee have ordered to be sent us by this years Shipping, but you must give y^e^ new men you propose to deale with full assurance to protect them against y^e^ threats of Verona, who is grown so potent by our Indulging him, that he menaces and affrighteth ℔sons from offering to deale with you, or any but himselfe, but you must be sure that you trust none with Stock before hand but pay upon y^e^ delivery of y^e^ goods.

A coppy of a Letr: to y^e^ Cheife & Councill in ye Bay & orders to send them Instructions.

72. A coppy of our Letter to our Cheife and Councill in y^e^ Bay we send you herewith and we desire you to give them all other instructions and directions, that you shall find needfull or convenient for our Service, but nothing contradictory to what we have done.

The order & manner of ye disposall of ye Shipps & their Cargo.

73. As we have ordered y^e^ Shipps George and Anne to saille from hence directly to y^e^ Bay of Bengall for y^e^ more quick dispatch of our affaires and y^e^ sooner to supply you with Stock for y^e^ Bay, in Like manner we doe positively enorder you that upon y^e^ arrivall of y^e^ other three Shipps with you at y^e^ fort. That y^e^ two first of y^e^ Shipps that you send down to y^e^ Bay doe tuch at Metchlepatam, and carry on them what Europe goods you shall think proper for that place & Maddapollam with such treasure in gold & Silver as you shall have ready Coined in pagodes or Silver Bullion or dollers, & that if what you shall send down by these two shipps be not y^e^ full Complement of treasure intended for them, by reason of your shortnesse of time to Coyn it so soone we would then have you by y^e^ last of y^e^ 3 Shipps to send down y^e^ remaining part of y^e^ treasure for that place giveing order to y^e^ Commander of y^e^ Shipps and Cheif at Metchlepatam at noe hand to detaine y^e^ Shipp there no Longer time then to take y^e^ treasure on Shoare for fear of hazarding y^e^ voyage down into y^e^ Bay, and upon y^e^ return of these Shipps from y^e^ Bay, that wee may not run y^e^ hazard of their Long Stay on y^e^ Coast as we did by our last years Shipping we doe order that you first dispatch from y^e^ Bay y^e^ Shipp golden fleece; enordering her to touch at Metchlepatam and off of Maddapollam to take in what goods shall be in readinesse there, and that next y^e^ Shipps George and Cæsar be dispatched from y^e^ Bay Directly for y^e^ fort and that y^e^ Shipp Bengall Merchant which is y^e^ last Ship we intend shall come from y^e^ Bay touching along y^e^ Coast that you doe enorder her to touch at Metchlepatam or Maddapollam (or both of those places if there shall be occasion) to take in y^e^ full remainder of what goods shall be intended for England, and with all expedition to proceed to y^e^ fort, to be dispatched with y^e^ other three Shipps, from thence in Compa to S^t^ helena and for y^e^ last of y^e^ 5 Shipps y^e^ Anne we doe enorder her to be last of all dispatched from y^e^ Bay and from thence to be fully Loaden, and then dispatched directly for S^t^ helena to meet there with y^e^ other 4 Shipps which are to come from y^e^ fort still observing in all y^e^ Shipps that shall be dispeeded from y^e^ Bay touching at Metchlepatam and y^e^ fort that no goods be Loaden for private accounts or any of them, whereby, by Loading and unloading of them our shipps may be detarded in their quick dispatch from y^e^

Ships to bee dispatched togeather for S^t^ helena.

Coast to endanger y^e^ Looseing their homeward bound voyage, this is intended, in case by y^e^ Blessing of god these Shipps shall all arive in due time at their designed ports but if any accident should happen to any of them in their outward bound voyage or Bay of Bengall so that any of them should not be ready in due time to come from their designed port in India, then we leave it to you so to order it as may bee best for our Service.

Mr. Ayloff's estate to be Inquired into & an acct to be sent to England.

74. The freinds and relations of W^m^ Ayloff late writer of Maddapollam of whose decease we had advise by y^e^ Last Shipping, haveing applied themselfes to us to have a true account and Inventory of y^e^ estate he died possessed of, we doe require you that you cause a perfect account of y^e^ said deceaseds estate to be forthwith ℔fected and sent us (if not already done,) or that what moneys are or have been found belonging to him, or raised by saille of his Goods be brought into our Cash and an account sent us thereof, y^t^ y^e^ same may be paid to them here.

Wm Proby ℔mitted to return to ye fort.

75. Wee have ℔mitted W^m^ Proby to return to y^e^ fort where he was born, (upon y^e^ Bengall Merchant) his mother Liveing there.

a list of ℔ticular mens forreign bullion sent.

76. Inclosed we send you a list of y^e^ forreign Bullion that we have ℔mitted to be Loaden on these Shipps, y^e^ returnes whereof are not to be made in any Commodities that we have prohibited.

77. The ℔sons we mentioned in y^e^ 18^th^ Paragraph now sent out as factors are as followeth, who are entertained for 5 years at y^e^ Salleries hereunder mentioned viz^t^.

The names of ye Compa Servants sent out this year.

JOHN STABLES
HEN: ALFORD
RICH: BARKER
W^m^ PRICKMAN
RICH: BRERETON
RICH: GOODWIN
HENRY STANLY

} at £20 ℔ annum Sallary each and to take place in the order herein named.

STEPHEN MOUNTEAGE Assistant to y^e^ Accomptant in y^e^ Bay at 40 ℔ annum.

CHARLES FLEETWOOD
JOHN BEVIS
FRANCIS WILCOX

} Writers at £10 ℔ annum Sallary each.

But y^e^ said Francis Wilcox being an Orphan is to be apprentice for 7 years of whom no Security is taken he being freindlesse, and y^e^ said John Bevis is to attend y^e^ ℔ticular directions and Imployment of Agent Gyfford.

concerning the 2 Diers sent out and their Salaries.

78. Wee have also entertained two Silk Diers viz^t^ John Pratt an able artist in Dying Black at £60 ℔ annum and Charles Ensall for Dying Coulors at £50 ℔ annum, y^e^ one halfe of their Sallary to be paid them there, and y^e^ other half to their relations here, and each of them has recd a quarters Sallary advance, which is to be deducted out of their wages there, and their Sallarys to commence at their departure from gravesend, M^r^ Pratt also carries out with him his Son, who is to be our Apprentice for 7 years at 5 pound a yeare whom his father is to Instruct and Bring up in that Imployment.

Mr Alford ordered to be assistant to ye warehouse-keeper.

79. Wee have (in a former Section 23) made mention of our designing a ℔ticular Assistant unto y^e^ Warehousekeeper M^r^ Bridger at Fort S^t^ George to which end we have entertained M^r^ Henry Alford (who was bred a Linnen Draper) whom we doe appoint & enorder to be Assistant to M^r^ Bridger in y^e^ receiveing and Sorting all our Callicoes at Fort S^t^ George and that he continues in y^t^ Imployment and be not removed therefrom, without our ℔ticuler directions and for y^e^ other of our factors now sent out with you you are to dispose of them to such ℔ticular factories as shall be in want of them.

Accot of Stock Sent.

80. On our 5 Shipps before mentioned which we have freighted this yeare for your Parts & y^e^ Bay we have Laden in all to y^e^ amount of £373141 : 6^s^ : 10^d^ according to y^e^ Perticular Invoyces viz^t^.

ON THE BENGALA MERCHANT.

45	Balles Broad Cloth	£ 2181	11	6
4	Ditto of Perpetuanes	354	.	.
4	Ditto Cloth rashes	192	4	6
4	Chests of gold	58143	13	8
18	Ditto of Silver	18112	16	6
150	Piggs of Lead	296	5	1
4	Chests of Grezio Corrall	1295	5	.
3	Cases of Paper	74	14	6
2	truncks Norwich Stuffes	301	4	.
1	Chest Chururgery	40	.	.
10	quarter Casks Sweeds tarre	15	.	.
	Leavers of Ash	6	13	4
18	Iron ordinance for y^e^ Bay	237	19	10
20	Chests of Canary	215	10	.
	Oyle Capers and Vineger	16	.	2
1	Barrill of Iron Work	19	4	5
1	Bundell of stand vices	6	19	6
1	Wrought Anvill...	12	16	.
2	Beake Irons	6	16	.
10	Barrills of Drop Shot	8	.	.
4	fowling peices	12	.	.
1	Cask of Corkes and tin plates	6	16	.
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ON Y^E^ GOLDEN FLEECE.

34	Bales of Broad Cloth	1639	12	.
34	Chests of Royalls of $\frac{3}{5}$	33998	16	3
3	Chests of gold	39123	17	2
100	Piggs of Lead	197	19	6
32	Cask of Brimstone	179	16	2
2	Fatts of Match	7	.	.
4	Cask of Cheshire Cheese	9	3	.
4	Firkins of Butter	5	12	.
2	Coyles of Cordidge	10	6	3
1	Fatt & 1 Box of Canvas	37	14	4
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ON Y^E^ CÆSAR.

35	Bales of Broad Cloth	1682	15	6
4	Ditto Perpetuanes	248	.	.
4	Ditto Cloth rashes	187	8	3
4	Chests gold	53668	19	..
17	Chests of Silver	16818	12	7
100	Piggs of Lead	197	.	9
5	Butts of Strong Beere	16	5	.
10	Barrills of Mum	30	.	.
2	Chests of Chyrurgery	27	.	.
1	Barrill of gunpowder	4	.	.
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	The Cargos of y^e^ other 2 Shipps mentioned in y^e^ Bay Letter Coppy whereof goes herewith and are to y^e^ amount of			143495 19 1
				37314 16 10

a Calculation of goods & quantity of tonnage to be made at ye Fort Metchlepa & ye Bay.

81. Upon y^e^ arrivall of these Shipps with you at y^e^ fort, you are to make Calculation of what goods and y^e^ quantity of Tonnage they will amount to, that you can provide these against y^e^ return of y^e^ Shipps from y^e^ Bay & y^e^ like order you are to give to them at Metchlepatam and Madapollam, & that both your and their Calculation be sent down to y^e^ Cheife in y^e^ Bay for their regulation in filling up y^e^ Tonnage of y^e^ Shipps, by knowing what quantity you can provide on y^e^ Coast, and we would have you to give order to our Cheife &c. in y^e^ Bay, that they doe also after y^e^ arrivall of y^e^ Shipps with them send you an estimate of what Tonnage they can provide in all y^e^ factorys In y^e^ Bay which we hope will fully compleat y^e^ Tonnage of all our Shipps besides a Stock of Salt petre to remaine for y^e^ ensuing yeare.

The acco. of ye Stock for ye Bay Metchlepatam and the Fort.

82. You are to make up y^e^ Stock for y^e^ Bay with y^e^ two Shipps that goe directly thither in all to 15000 [0 ?] pound, we order also that you send in mony & goods to Metchlepatam y^e^ amount of £70000 and that £60000 be invested in dyamonds and y^e^ remainder of y^e^ Stock now sent out being about £100000 we design for y^e^ fort and haveing not further to enlarge, but to pray to y^e^ almighty for a blessing on your and our affaires under your management & remaine

£10 annually ordered to be pd to Mr. John Fields mother & is to be discompted out of his Sallary here.

83. P. S.

Upon y^e^ desire of M^r^ John Feild at Madapollam we have paid to his mother £10 in p^t^ of his Salary due at Chrismas last, & we have ordered y^e^ like sume to be annually paid her, & therefore you are to direct that y^e^ same be discompted out of y^e^ Salary he receives there.

Your Loveing Freinds.

Will. Thomson Govern^r^	Tho: Papillon Dep^t^
James Edwards.	Chandoz.
John Bathurst.	Jos^a^. Child.
John Moore.	Tho: Canham.
James Houblon.	Nath: Letten.
Rich: Hutchinson.	Edw: Rudge.
Jos: Hern.	Sam: Moyer.
John: Morden.	Chris: Boone.
Matth: Andrewes.	John Clerk.
	John Bankes.

Mr. Browns freinds have given Security for him as factor.

84. The freinds of M^r^ Rich: Brown have given new security for him according to our rules as he is entred into y^e^ degree of a factor; of which we thought fitt to advise you.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT Y^E^ COAST & BAY ATT FORT S^T^ GEORGE.

Long cloth ordinary	70000
Ditto Brown	20000
Ditto fine N° 4: 5	10000
Ditto ordinary white without Stiffenning ...	5000
Ditto Blew	10000
Sallampores ordinary from N°. 3: to 10	84000
Ditto 18: 19: 20 at y^e^ Last prise	20000
Percallaes fine N°. 15: 16: if at y^e^ prizes ℔ this yeares Shipps	160000
Moorees N°. 4	2000
Ditto N°. 7: 8: 9.10.11.12	10000
Neckcloathes of 18: in a peice	10000
Ditto of 2 y^ds^ Long	2000
Ditto ordinary Striped with red—Neck	1 50000
Bettelees 25 y^ds^ Long	10000
Ditto of 20 y^ds^ Long	10000

METCHLEPATAM.

Long cloth ordinary w^te^ such as ℔ Johanna N°. 10: 11: 12: 13	30000
Ditto fine N°. 2: 3: 4 ℔ Ditto Shipp	4000

METCHLEPATAM—*cont.*

Sallampores fine		16000
Ditto ordinary		16000
Percalles fine of Pettipollee		12000
Ditto Book Percalles y^e^ finest Sort 8 yards Long and full 1 yarde Broad to be made into Chinst y^e^ grounds to be green Purple, red and some white y^e^ painting verry Curious with variety of Coulors		2000
Ginghams white		7000
Ditto Brown		3000
Izarees		5000
Oringall Bettelees		15000
Allajees		12000
Dungarees to be all y^d^ wide & thicker...		20000
Cotton Romalls 40 : or 50 ℔ C^o^, Cheaper or none ...		20000
Saille Cloth better then the Last or none		20000
Such as Metchlepatam Musters M ℔ Fauleon.		
Sallampores at 27 Pag^d^ ℔ Corge		1800
Ditto 28 :		1800
Percalles at 20		3600
Ditto 13		3600
Ditto 10¼		3600
Golcondah Bettelees to be full as fine thin & Clear as the last		3000
Cummums		3000
Pegu Sticklack	tonns	150

ATT THE BAY.

Ginghams Coulored of y^e^ finest Sort and not too Stiffe.		15000
Cossaes		13000
Mullmulls		10000
Silk Romalls 5000 of which are to be provided at Decca		20000
Nillaes		18000
Hummums fine of Decca		8000
Taffaties ½ Sad Cloth coulors & ½ Light Coulours whereof 1/3 french yellowes...		47000
Ditto Raw		2000
Sannoes		25000
Arund Cloth Blew 1⅛ yard broad & 16 : y^d^. Long ...		1000
Ditto Brown of y^e^ same Length and Bredth		3000
Arund yarn	tonns	10
Raw Silk head and Belly	Bales	900
Ditto Ordinary D. N^o^ 4		600
White Silk G.H.I.		360
Ditto N^o^ 2 : 3...		100
Florretta yarn		150
Cotton yarn not hard Spun or Crosse reeled		100
Salt Petre (what more can be got)	tons	1000
Turmerick		250
Sticklack...		50
Cowrees		100

CASSAMBUZAR MUSTERS.

Farrendine Black		600
Sattins—150 : Pinck		600
150 : french yellow		
150 : Skies		
150 : Crimson		

CASSAMBUZAR MUSTERS—*cont.*

Taffaties Black		7500
Ditto Green		750
Ditto Skies		750
Adathaes of each sort		300

HUGHLY MUSTERS.

Mahmood Bannies		1500
Alabanes		300
Photaes		300
Chareannees fine...		600
Ditto ordinary...		900
Elatches of each Sort		300
Amarees		300
White Silk N°. 1 what quantity they can.		
Ditto N°. 2	Bales	50
Ditto N°. 3		50
Ditto N°. 4 : 5: 6: what quantity they can		
More to be provided at y^e^ Bay according to patterns now sent		
N°. 1 Peniascoes		1000
2 Phoolganes flowerd 1 y^d^ wide : 10 : y^ds^ Long and of severall Collours as reds green Purple and Philamot & Skie...		3000
3 Cherklies double peices each 10 y^ds^ & one y^d^ wide & variety of coulors		3000
4 Silk and Cotton Striped Stuffs Mundille of Malda 18 y^ds^ Long and 1 yard wide to be of variety of mixtures 100 ps. of each work & coulor		1000
5 Striped Chain Taffities 10 : y^ds^ Long 1 y^d^ : wide and to be of severall Coulours green Purple Cornation Black Philamot yellow and Skie, the ground & Chain to be of different Coulours		3000
6 Sousaes of severall Coulors 10 y^ds^ Long 1 y^d^ wide...		2000
7 Strip'd Taffaties or Rastees of 10 y^ds^ Long & 1 y^d^ Broad of severall Coulors ½ to be Cloth : & y^e^ other Light coulor to be done plain w^th^out curling ...		6000
8 Strip'd Muzlings fine (Doreas) 21 y^ds^ Long 1⅛ y^d^ or ell wide better made at Hughly Santapore and Maulda some to be y^e^ Strype a Little broader and Some y^e^ Stripe a little narrower then y^e^ Pattern ...		2000
Atlasses according to y^e^ Inclosed Samples for Coulors and Stripes to be made 8½ y^ds^ Long & full ½ ell wide, y^e^ yard Broad and y^e^ Large Stripe are not desireable here this being a fitt Length and Bredth, also y^e^ fuller of Silk & Stronger the Better they will turn to account though they cost somewhat more		4000
Ditto flowerd white of y^e^ same Length and Bredth ...		500
Silk Neckcloths 10 in a peice and ½ y^d^ wide		200
Girdles 2½ yards Long and 3/8 wide	Gird	500
Mullmulls with fine needle work flowers wrought with white y^e^ flowers to be about 3 or 4 Inches asunder and neate y^e^ peices to be 1⅛ y^d^ wide at least and Better if ell, and 21 yards Long		500
Taffities either white or Light ash to be died here into Blacks to be ½ ell & naille wide and a little better and if they can be died into Blacks there, send none but blacks to be double peices or 20 yards		3000

OUR CHEIF AND COUNCILL AT HUGHLY. LONDON 5: JANUARY $16\frac{80}{81}$

1. The want of our Letters and Invoices this year hath been great damage to us, certainly you could never have been guilty of so great an omission, but that you were overburthened with y^e^ Load of private trade sent from and to y^e^ fort, by our Shipping, and your Indentures and Settlements, and so great a Copartnership for your own private trade, we are willing our Servants should honestly get mony by their own estates, while we maintaine them in so splendid a condition, and we are glad to heare when they thrive by any good meanes, but it is against reason and our Intent that our Indulgence to them of universall trade in India, (which y^e^ Dutch never did and wee suppose never will allow their people) should turn to our excessive hurt and damage, as we have Just cause to fear it lately did, and also to y^e^ great hazard of our returned Shipps to Loose y^e^ monsoones home which would have been an Ireparable Losse to us, and greatly to y^e^ prejudice of Commanders and owners of Shipps, we doe therefore earnestly commend to your care y^e^ prevention of this growing evill, if you have commissions or businesse for any other, dispatch y^e^ Companys businesse first, for which there is as you know but a Limited time, after y^e^ Shipps are dispatched you have Leasure enough to attend your own affaires, but we will never admitt hereafter any goods but our own to be Loaded on our Shipps or Sloopes, to or from any place upon any pretence or freight whatsoever, and if any of our Servants after this admonition shall transgresse in that respect, we will call them to an accompt for it.

2. Wee send this year for y^e^ Coast and Bay 5 three deck shipps viz^t^ y^e^ Bengalla Merchant Cap^t^: John Gouldsbrough 570: tons, y^e^ George Cap^t^ Nehem: Earning 570 tonns, y^e^ golden fleece Cap^t^ James Cooke 565 tonns, y^e^ Cæsar Cap^t^: Jonathan Andrewes 530: tonns, y^e^ Anne Cap^t^ Leonard Brown 460 tonns two whereof viz^t^: y^e^ George and y^e^ Anne we have ordered to Saille directly for Ballasore and upon them we have sent such goods and treasure as you will perceive by y^e^ Inclosed Invoices and Bills of Loading, so much whereof as is designed for Cazzambuzar, we doe hereby enorder you to send up to our Cheif M^r^ Job Charnock, and Councill at Cassambuzar, it being our resolution that he y^e^ said M^r^: Charnock shall be our Cheif in that factory as we formerly ordered Second of y^e^ Bay in degree, and to succeed you Cheif in y^e^ Bay in case of your death or return to Ingland, and that he w^th^ y^e^ Councill at Cazsambuzar, shall manage our affaires and Investments there, for this years Shipping for which purpose we enjoyn you to send away our ℔ticular Letter to him by an expresse, y^e^ same day this come to your hands, if he be not at Hughly and write to him, forthwith to repaire to Cassambuzar to take possession of that factory, accordingly, we have a good opinion of M^r^ Littleton, but we haveing ordered him thither ourselfes, wee expect complyance to our orders, M^r^ Littleton if he continues in our Service we design shall be third of y^e^ Bay second of Hughly and shall succeed M^r^ Charnock in case of his death as Cheif of Cassambuzar.

3. Upon consideration of y^e^ great disorder that hath frequently been complained of in y^e^ keeping of our Bookes in all factories almost in y^e^ Bay, we have thought it requisite to entertain M^r^ Mountage Bred a merchant, and a verry good Accomptant to reside at Hughly at y^e^ Sallary of £40 ℔ annum & to have place at present next below those that are of Councill, and to be employed in keeping our Bookes, and ℔useing and examining all our Bookes and Accompts from other subordinate factories, and doeing any other businesse that our Cheif and Councill shall think fitt to employ him about, and yet our meaning is not, by offording you so able an Assistant to take of y^e^ Charge of y^e^ Bookes from y^e^ second, but that as formerly he shall remaine with y^e^ Charge of them and M^r^ Mountage only to be assistant to him.

4. Wee have Likewise sent to y^e^ Fort this year severall adult ℔sons which wee have entertained into our Service, under faire Characters of their Sobriety ability and diligence in businesse which we have ordered to reside at y^e^ Fort and be assistant in what businesse they can be usefull in there till such time there shall be occasion to remove them to supply y^e^ vacansies and wants there may be in any of y^e^ Councills

of our subordinate factories under that Agency, so that from thence if you find occasion, you may upon your desire to y^e^ Agent and Councill have further Assistance whereever it shall be wanting.

5. Wee observe by y^e^ Diarie or Consultation booke of Agent Master &c at y^e^ fort and y^e^ Narrative of his voyage and proceeding at y^e^ Bay, that many Sorts of y^e^ same goods which you usually doe buy and provide at Hughly, may Likewise be bought and provided better at Ballasore and Places adjacent, but that he did Thinke it for our advantage that all those Sorts of goods which could bee Bought at Hughly should be bought there and not elswhere, but that is not agreeable to our mind we design as you may ℔ceive by y^e^ Stock sent out y^s^ yeare a great enlargment of our Trade in y^e^ Bay and yearly to encrease therein, and Therefore whereever we have a factory we would have all sorts of goods bought that can be provided in that place without Limitting our Investments in y^e^ same sorts of goods only to Hughly, to which purpose we have order £20000 of y^e^ Stock now sent out to y^e^ Bay, or so much as you shall find they can Invest there, to be Left with our Cheife and Councill at Ballasore, to be Invested in proper goods to be returned us by these Shipps, as you shall think most to our advantage concerning which we desire you to give them all speedy and fitting Instructions from time to time, & to y^s^ we require y^r^ observance & exact Conformity.

6. Upon y^e^ same reason we are not only for y^e^ continuance of our factory at Decca as well as at Maulda, but Likewise for buying in equall proportion y^e^ same Sort of goods there yearly as we doe at Maulda, to which purpose we enjoyn you not to faille of Speedily sending to both those places equall and Suitable proportions of Stock, which may answare our Intentions plainly before expressed.

7. Wee are likewise informed that great quantities of severall Sorts of raw Silk may be bought at Hughly, but we are not fully satisfied that it is of y^e^ same Sorts y^t^ are proper for Europe, without it be such as is made at Cassambuzar & places adjacent and from thence brought to Hughly, however after you have used your best endeavours to Compleat our Investments at Cassambuzar, as to y^e^ full quantities of Silk That we write for, and that upon advise from thence you shall find that they cannot for this year fully effect y^e^ same, we would then have you at Hughly endeavour to buy up so much raw Silk as they shall want, provided what you doe there buy be of y^e^ same Sorts of raw Silk proper for Europe, and doe not exceede in y^e^ Price of what it can be or is bought at Cassambuzar about 2 : or 3 : anns. ℔ Seer, and buy y^e^ Least proportion or none at all of y^e^ extraordinary finest Sort but of y^e^ middle and ordinary Sorts which turnes best to acc^t^ here if it be clear wrought, and Clean wound of, however that we may know what Sorts of Silk are procureable at hughly or other places other then what is provided at Cassambuzar, and parts adjacent wee would have you to send us 100 Balles for a tryall in all Some of each Sort.

8. Wee have caused a List to be drawn out of all y^e^ advices to y^e^ fort y^e^ Last year by our Shipping and Since by over land and other conveyances of all goods enordered to be provided in all parts of y^e^ Bay and returned us by this years Shipping, of w^ch^ : we send you enclosed a coppy, and also another List of all y^e^ goods we would have you provide for us against y^e^ next years Shipping, that which we principally expect from you is, that next to y^e^ well buying of our goods you be carefull to send us Large and full returnes, which will oblige us yearly as you see we doe to send you back a greater encrease of Stock, what we have now sent you in goods and Bullion you will ℔ceive by y^e^ Invoices, and Bills of Loading sent you herewith, which is a farre greater Stock, then ever went from England into those parts.

9. Wee have sent a Coppy of y^s^ Letter to our new Agent & Councill at y^e^ fort and have ordered y^m^ to give you w^t^ further Instruction they shall think needfull for our service.

10. Wee have read over y^e^ rules & orders made by Agent Master &c. when he was in y^e^ Bay, for y^e^ well ordering our severall factories there, y^e^ method of keeping and Ballanceing our Bookes, and y^e^ monthly return of Diaries Consultations & Acco^ts^ of Cash to y^e^ head factories all which we doe well approve, and doe hereby

confirm and have ordered our new Agent and Councill at y^e^ fort to see that all Those rules and orders be constantly & Impartially executed by all those whom it doth concern and by themselfes esspecially, in Spareing no man in our Imployment for favour or Affection, that shall be found to transgresse those rules, but that upon failure of any ℔son, they doe according to y^e^ said rules expell y^e^ offender out of our service, and send some other ℔son from y^e^ Fort or Otherwise out of y^e^ factories in y^e^ Bay according to our usuall method of advanceing ℔sons in our Service, as they in their Judgments or discretion shall think fitt, and most agreeable to our Intrest, which was our principall end of sending such a number of able ℔sons to y^e^ fort this yeare as aforesaid, and we doe earnestly desire that you our Cheife and Councill there would for your parts, with your good example advise and otherwise assist, our said Agent & Councill in keeping all our subordinate factories strictly to those just rationall and methodicall and orderly rules, unto which they are reduced by y^e^ constitutions made at Agent Master being in y^e^ Bay.

11. Thus you see we are willing to own what was well done by that Agent, but y^e^ disobeying us in his settlement of that Cheifship at Cassambuzar was verry dissatisfactory as also his reasons alledged for it viz^t^ for our Better Service and Speedier dispatch of our Shipps, whereas on y^e^ contrary our Service at the Bay and Cassambuzar was never worse ℔formed, never were we more disappointed in y^e^ quantities of raw Silk and Taffaties, we expected and wrote for, never had we worse sorted goods from y^e^ Bay, never were all our Invoices and bills of Loading Left behind before, our Shipps never dispatched with greater danger of Looseing monsoones, upon y^e^ whole matter things were greatly amisse from all Places within your Cheifshippe, which we hope you will take care to amend for y^e^ future and doe expect you should.

12. And though as we have said before we are not willing to withdraw our Liberty of trade granted to our Servants in India, yet we must admonish you to use your Liberty so moderately, that we doe not Suffer by it as we have cause to bleive [*sic*] we did in that Shipp, which was dispatched from y^e^ Bay with raw Silk for Surrat, if any such Shipp come to you againe, or any of our Cheifs or factors within y^r^ Cheife ship, dispatch her with some other goods or Let her stay for her Loading till you have dispatched all our Europe Shipps, with their full quantities of Silk and Taffaties, of all Sorts in order to be sent by them, to this we doe require your Intire and absolute obedience.

13. Wee doe Likewise enjoyn you and all in our Service not to make use of any of our Stock or goods provided for us, or with our mony, nor to trade in any Silk Black or Coulered or Taffaties died, by our own Dyers or at our Charge, any failure herein or Loading your own goods or others then the Companys for y^e^ future on our Shipps we shall Looke upon as Crimes.

14. M^r^ Master his five years service to us being out y^e^ 7^th^ of July next, we have altered y^e^ constitution of our Councill at y^e^ fort, and have appointed M^r^ W^m^ Gyfford Agent M^r^ Hynmers Second, M^r^ Bridger third, M^r^ Wilkes fourth, M^r^ Bigrig that goes now hence with Agent Gyfford fifth, M^r^ Elihu Yale Sixth, whose orders from time to time we would have you observe.

15. Breifly the things we expect principally your ℔formance in this next yeare are, 1^st^ punctuall Diares accounts of Cash and Consultations to y^e^ fort according to y^e^ Late rules, 2^ly^ our full quantities of Silk and taffaties to be sent us this yeare & next 3^dly^ that you send an equall and full Stock To Decca as well as Maulda in mony 4^thly^ that you make Ballasore a buying factory as we have ordered as well as a shiping factory, 5^ly^ that you doe not forestall or Interrupt our Silk investments by your own Trade nor thereby retard our businesse in Any kind, 6^ly^ that you doe keep up all ℔sons to their Musters, & looke to y^e^ Better sorting of our goods, 7^thly^ that you make us full returnes and dispatch our Shipps early, your well ℔formance of these things will not only make us your freinds, but think you ℔sons of meritt.

16. Besides what is contained in our List of goods sent you herewith, we would have you provide for us at Decca 4000 Romalls yearly and Let as many of them as can be sent us this yeare.

17. And if Mr. Harvey should be displaced from being Cheife at Decca our possitive order is that he be forthwith resetled Cheife of that factory and that he does carry on this years investment, at yt place, & so continue till our further order.

18. There were severall goods wanting in ye Bales this yeare according to a list sent you inclosed, our damage therein you must prevent hereafter, about which Agent Master wrote us that he had taken some order when he was there of which we wish we find ye good effects.

19. Many of ye Taffaties did want of their Length, in so much that we have allowed 40: or 50 yards for short measure in some Chests, take speciall care for ye future yt every single peice be full 10 yards Long, double and Treble proportionable.

20. You have Likewise this year packed up severall bales in which you have put severall Sorts of goods in one bale, which is a verry ill way & we would have totally forborne, for ye future. except it be in Bales of musters.

21. Generally all your goods this year were verry ill and unequally sorted, but esspecially ye mull mulls many whereof were frayed & some Bales finer in one part of ye Bale then in another by 10sh in a peice, these things we expect you would effectually remedy, and see carefully that all our goods of ye same marke and number be of an equall goodnesse.

22. Continue to send pattorns [*sic*] of each Chest of Taffaties as you have done to be put into ye chests, yt we may know wt coulors & how many peices of each coulor are in a Chest.

23. When our Cheif or any of our Councill have occasion for our Service to goe between Cassambuzar and Hughly or Ballasore, we would have them (if may be) to goe by water and not put us to ye Charge of vaine pompious Journeys by Land.

24. Bee verry frugall in all your expences and hereafter if you doe take out Phirmand Neshawnes or Phyrwannas, Let them alwais be taken out in ye name of ye English East India Company & not otherwise, any former ℔mission or order from ourselfes or ye Agent and Councill at ye fort to ye Contrary notwithstanding.

25. Agent Master wrote us in his Letters of our Shipps, that good hempen Saile cloth might be made Cheap in ye Bay, such as holland Duck, & french Noyles Canvas & we have been since told by another that ye Dutch make much of their saille Clothes in those parts, upon which we have endeavoured to get some hemp dressers and weavers to goe thither to Instruct our Black Servants in that manyfacture, but those kind of People here are not willing to travell so farre as East India, so that we send you none of them by this years Shipping but in regard ye Dutch have so much made there, we cannot think it an Impossible thing for you, to get some of those people that make it for them to furnish you with 10: or 15: Bales, of a Sort, to send us by this Shipping and hereafter much more if we find it will turn to account which trade we would ye rather Introduce and Incourage, because we apprehend it would be of great nationall advantage to England, 1st. in ye Imployment of [more] great Shipps for India, that Commodity being Bulkey, next in saveing a great dealle of mony to England which the Dutch and french Draw out of our purses every yeare for that Commodity, whereas if you can have our supply thereof from India, ye first cost will be verry Little, the rest onely for Custom & Charges, which is all Clear profitt to ye kingdome.

26. Mr. Nayler our Dyer at Cassambuzar hath petitioned us here by his Attarney to be our Cheif Dyer, we know he is our oldest Dyer there, but we know of no Precedency in yt Trade, but he that can doe and does doe ye Best to be best Looked upon, & countenanced, and where they are equall in their ℔formances, ye first comer to be respected accordingly, but for any other preferment in our factory, at which he seemes to hint, he must not expect it from us, we send men of trades thither to follow their Trades, neither will we give way to his, or any mans sending prohibited goods home, upon accompt of his sonne here above 5 peices in one yeare, for other goods prementioned by our printed Indulgence, he hath ye same liberty as all our other Servants.

27. Wee are desired by y^e^ father of M^r^· John Billingsly deceased, that he may have Leave to sell and dispose of a house built By his said Sonne at Ballasore, we doe order that you give such as shall be authorized by him Leave to sell y^e^ same, provided it be not disposed of to any one of any other nation, whereby it may become prejudiciall to our factory there, or an hindrance to y^e^ carrying on our affairs there.

28. Wee did in our Letter of y^e^ 3^d^ January 1678 to y^e^ fort, give directions for your proceedings in case of y^e^ decease of any ℔sons in our Service, and expected before now according to y^e^ said directions, that you would have sent us an Inventory & acc^o^· of y^e^ estate of M^r^· Walter Clavell our late Cheife and that you had in y^e^ first place, as then ordered, discharged what Debts he owed to us in y^e^ Bookes, and given us a ℔ticuler of what was further remayning, but this yeare we haveing rec^d^ no Letters from you and S^r^· Tho: Monpesson and M^r^· Trenchard members of Perliament & ℔sons of quality desireing our ℔ticuler recommendation; that M^r^· Clavells Bookes, & a ℔fect Inventory of all his estate, might be sent home and that y^e^ overplus of his estate, our Debt being first discharged, might be paid into our Cash there which we have promised to make them good here at 2 : 6 : y^e^ Ropey, we doe require you without faile by these Shipps, (if it be not already done) to give us a perfect account of y^e^ said M^r^· Clavells estate and to send home his bookes and Accounts to be deliver'd to y^e^ said gentlemen, who are y^e^ Executors in trust.

29. Wee are informed y^t^ y^e^ Course Silk or yarn y^t^ y^r^ Erva Stuffs are made of, if it were properly wound of, as y^r^· Silkes y^t^ come from Europe, would turn to acc^o^ here we would therefore have you to send us 10 or 20 bales for a tryall, & if there shall be w^th^ you any Stuffs Silkes yarn or Silk more then w^t^ we have had already sent us from y^r^ parts wee would have you enquire about it & send us a bale or two for a Sample, being desirous to enlarge our Trade to your parts as much as may be.

30. Whereas by our last yeares Shipping and by our advices since sent to you over land, wee then ordered you to goe on in y^e^ provideing of y^e^ goods, we then writ for to be sent us by y^e^ following Shipps and have to that Effect (besides y^e^ great remaines of Stock with you) now sent you out a much larger Stock then usuall, not doubting but that if you have done your endeavours in provideing the full quantities we ordered you, but that our Shipps will all of them be fully Laden (besides a surplussage of Petre alwais before hand, for y^e^ next year) & not to return to us in y^e^ Least dead freighted, but that we may provide for unseen accidents, and Least you should fall short in y^e^ full Loading of all our Shipps, by w^t^ Loaden on them from y^e^ Bay and y^e^ Coast) we would then have you enlarge our Investments· of what we advised you by our Last yeares Shipps viz^t^ in Turmerick from 100 tonns to 200 or 250 tonns, in Sticklack from 50 to 100 tons, & 100 tons in Cowries, and in case after you have done your utmost endeavours to provide y^e^ severall sorts of goods, and that you should want any Tonnage to y^e^ full Loading of y^e^ Shipps, and cannot procure a surplussage in y^e^ afore specified Commodities, whereby to fill up our Shipps viz^t^. In Turmerick Sticklack and Cowries, we would then have you send 100 Bales of Cotton yarn more then already ordered, and if it be a plentifull year of Sugar and that it be Cheap you may send 50 : or 60 tonns of that sort usually sent to Persia, but this we would have to be y^e^ Last remedy, notwithstanding what we have above writ we hope your care will have so prevented our feares that you will have (with y^e^ goods provided on y^e^ Coast) a proper Cargo of goods with y^e^ Saltpetre fully to Load them, and a Surplussage of Saltpetre behind for y^e^ next yeare, which we would have you to Lade on y^e^ first Shipps that goe from your port To y^e^ Coast, it being our desire alwais to have a Stock of Saltpetre to Lie ready at y^e^ fort upon all occasions.

31. Wee have entertained M^r^ Rich: Barker who was bred a mercer, & have design'd him for your parts and ℔ticularly to be Imployed at Cassambuzar, whom you are to advise with in y^e^ Dying ordering sorting and reccaving [*sic*] of our died and raw Silk, and therefore doe order him to be sent thither and to Take place there next after those factors that are upon y^e^ place, and if there shall be further occasion at Cassambuzar, wee doe think M^r^ W^m^· Prickman (who hath also skill in Silk may be fitt for that place.

32. Wee had a drought of y^e^ River Ganges presented us by Cap^t^ Stafford who went up w^th^ his Ship y^e^ faulcon unto Hughly, and have caused three draughts of y^e^ same to be delivered viz^t^ unto Cap^t^ John Gouldsbrough in y^e^ Bengall to Cap^t^ Earning in y^e^ George, and Cap^t^ Brown in y^e^ Anne, hopeing they will make such use of them as to endeavour to carry up their Shipps into y^e^ river how so ever wee advise you of This that before y^e^ departure of y^e^ said Shipps for England, you doe demand from y^e^ Commanders y^r^ said 3 Draughts, which we intend shall be Left on shore with our Cheife and Councill at Ballasore, to be made use of by our Shipps as further occasion shall present, with w^t^ further observations they shall make therein.

33. If S^r^ John Leithelieurs Correspondants shall supply you with any Summes of mony to y^e^ vallue of 40 : or 50000 Rupees, at y^e^ rate not exceeding 2 : 6 : a rupee you are to give them bills of Ex^n^ for y^e^ same to be drawn on us at 30 : daye sight which wee shall accept and pay, so as it be supplied as timely and on as reasonable termes as others shall doe, it.

34. On these 2 Shipps we have Loaden to y^e^ amount of £ 143495 : 19 : 1 : according to y^e^ ꝑticular Invoices sent herewith viz^t^.

ON THE GEORGE.

		£	s.	d.	
35	Bales Broad Cloth	1761	16	6	
4	Bales of Serges & Perpetuanes	430	.	.	
4	Bales Cloth rashes	192	12	9	
77	Chests of Silver	76316	.	9	
100	Piggs Lead	197	8	1	
2	Cases paper	31	3	.	
12	Anchors	351	17	4	
11	Chests flint Glasses	163	12	4	
2	Chests Chyrurgery ...	30	.	.	
1	box patterns of Silkes and Stuffes.				79504 : 10 : 9

ON THE ANNE

34	Bales Broad Cloth	1672	12	6	
4	Bales Perpetuanes	248	.	.	
4	Bales Cloth rashes	190	8	9	
62	Chests of Silver	61483	4	11	
150	Piggs of Lead	296	3	3	
	Severall ꝑcells of Dying ware	100	18	11	
					63991 : 8 : 4
					£143495 : 19 : 1

35. Wee have enordered them at y^e^ fort to make up y^r^ Stock this yeare with y^e^ 2 Shipps y^t^ come directly to you in all £150000 of w^ch^ we enorder you to send up £80000 : of it to Cassambuzar, & w^t^ more you shall find they can invest in that Place.

36. The box of Patternes of Silkes are sent on y^e^ George, & there is also returned you a peice of rotten Silk (of which we have had many sent us instead of good ones) about w^ch^ you must take better care for y^e^ future, & so comitting you & our affaires under y^r^ managem^t^ to y^e^ guidance and protection of y^e^ Almighty we remaine,

Your Loveing freinds

JOHN : CLERK
MAT : ANDREWS

W^M^ THOMSON GOV^R^:
JOS : CHILD
JAMES HOUBLON
JOS : HERN
JOHN MORDEN
EDWARD RUDGE
THO : CANHAM

THO : PAPILLON DEPUTY
JAMES : EDWARDS.
JOHN MOORE.
SAM : MOYER.
RICH : HUTCHINSON.
JOHN : BATHURST.
CHRIS : BOONE.
NATH : LETTEN.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDd AT THE BAY.

Ginghams coulored of ye finest sort not too Stiffe ...	15000	peices
Cassoes	13000	
Mullmulls	10000	
Silk Romalls (5000 of which to be provided at Decca).	20000	
Nillaes	18000	
Hummums fine of Decca	8000	
Taffaties ½ sad cloth Coulors & ½ Light coullors whereof ⅓fren: yellows	47000	
Ditto raw...	2000	
Sannoes	25000	
Arund Cloth Blew 1⅓ yard Broad 16 Long	1000	
Ditto Brown of ye same Length & Breadth	3000	
Arund yarn	10	tonns
Raw Silk head and Belly	900	Bales
Ditto ordinary Nº. 4	600	
White Silk G.H.I.	360	
Ditto Nº. 2 : 3	100	
Floretta yarn	150	
Cotton yarn not hard Spun nor Crosse reeled	100	
Saltpetre (what more can be got)	1000	tonns
Turmerick	250	
Sticklack	50	
Cowries	100	

More to be provided according to Patterns now sent.

Nº. 1. Peniascoes	1000	peices.
2. Phoolgannees flowred 1 yard wide 10 yards Long of severall coulors, as reds greens Purple Phillamot and Skei	3000	
3. Cherklies double peices each 10 yards Long and 1 yard wide and variety of Collours	3000	
4. Silk and Cotton Strip't Stuff Mundilla of Maulda 18 yards Long & one yard wide to be of variety of mixtures 100 ps of each work & Coullor	1000	
5. Striped Chaine Taffaties 10 yards Long 1 yard wide and to be of severall Coulors as green Purple Cornation Black Phillamot yellow & skie ye ground & Chaine to be of differrent Coullours	3000	
6. Sousaes severall Coulors 10 yards Long 1 yd wide ...	2000	
7. Stript Taffaties or Rastoes of 10 yards Long 1 yd Broad of severall Coullors ½ to be Cloth & ye other Light Coulors to be done plaine without Curling ...	6000	
8. Stript Muslings fine Doreas 21 : yards Long 1⅓ or ell wide better made at Hughley Santapore and Maulda some to be ye Stripe a Little broader and some ye Stripe a Little narrower then ye Pattern ...	2000	
Atlasses according to ye Inclosed Samples for Coulors & Stripes to bee made 8½ yards Long and full ½ el wide (ye yard Broad and ye Large stripe are no desireable here) this being a fitt Length and Bredth also ye fuller of Silk and Stronger ye Better they will turn to accº tho: they cost somewhat more	4000	ps
Ditto Flowred White of ye same Length and Bredth ...	500	
Silk Neckcloths 10 in a peice and ½ yard wide ...	200	

Girdles 2½ yards Long and ⅜ wide ... ... Gird	500
Mullmulls with fine needle-work flowers wrought with white y^e^ flowers to be about 3 or 4 Inches asunder and neat y^e^ peice to be 1⅛ yard wide at Least and Better if ell and 21 yards Long	500
Taffaties either white or Light ash to be died here into Blacks to be ½ ell and naille wide and a little Better or if they can be died into Blacks there send none but blacks to be double peices or 20 yards Long ...	3000

CASSAMBUZAR MUSTERS

Farrendine black	600
Sattins—150 Pinck	600
150 french yellowes	
150 Skeies	
150 Crimson	
Taffaties Black	7500
Ditto Green	750
Ditto Skies	750
Adathaes of each sort	300

HUGHLEY MUSTERS.

Mahmood bannees	1500
Ala banneies	300
Dhotaes	300
Charcannes fine	600
Ditto ordinary	900
Etlaches of each sort	300
Amerees	300

White Silk N°· 1 : what quantity they can	
Ditto N°· 2	50 : Bales.
Ditto N°· 3	50 : „

Ditto yellow N° : 4 : 5 : 6 what quantity they can.

M^R^ : JOB CHARNOCK. LONDON Y^E^ 5^TH^ : JAN^RY^ : 168½

Wee recd yours by Last Shipping and do Judge That you had not right done you in not being placed our Cheif at Cassambuzar according to our order which we doe not allow of, as you will perceive by that part of y^e^ generall Letter which concernes this businesse, which we have ordered to be transcribed and sent to you Inclosed, attested by our Secretary and we doe accordingly constitute and confirm you our Cheif of that factory and all our affaires managed therein, and we hereby require M^r·^ Littleton & all ℔sons of our Councill and all other ℔sons in our Service there to yeild you assistance & due obedience according to this our order and if any of our Councill or Servants shall Impede or obstruct you in y^e^ due execution of this order, or otherwise faille in their duty we doe hereby order you to advise our Cheif and Councill at Hughly thereof, that so they may expell Such refrectory Servants out of our Said Imployment and we doe order that they shall not againe be restored unto any other Imployme^t·^ in our Service, without our own Speciall order in writeing, and we doe hereby appoint M^r·^ Littleton to proceed Second at hughly and third of y^e^ Bay in degree, yourselfe to be Cheife of Cassambuzar and Second of y^e^ Bay in degree, and in case of M^r^ : Vincents death or Comeing home you are to succeed Cheife of y^e^ Bay, and in Such case M^r·^ Littleton if he continue in our Service is to Succeed you as Cheife of Cassambuzar.

This we have ordered to be sent to you by expresse as soone as our Shipps Shall arrive in y^e^ Bay and to desire you forthwith if this find you at Pattona, to take order with those that Shall Succeed as Cheif and Councill at Pattona to provide &

send down to Hughly in due time y^e^ quantity of Petre which we have ordered for y^s^ years Shipping (which is one thousand tonns) as we suppose has already been ordered to you from Agent Master and Councill at y^e^ fort, unto whom we gave our orders for this purpose some months past over Land which we hope came to their hands.

Haveing Settled our affaires at Pattana if you be there when you receive this and settled all things in due method which we hope you may doe in a few dayes it is our order you forthwith repaire to Cassambuzar to take present possession of our affaires there, and to manage all our businesse for this yeares Shipping for which you will receive our more ℔ticular directions from our Agent Gyfford and Councill at y^e^ fort.

But in regard we doe send two of our 5 : 3 deck Shipps designed for y^e^ Coast & Bay this yeare directly for y^e^ Bay, and y^t^ consequently this Letter may probably arrive with you Some weekes sooner, then with our Agent and Councill at y^e^ fort to give some Light to our affaires beforehand as we have done to M^r^· Vincent our Cheife and our Councill at hughly, we have sent you enclosed a List of y^e^ goods we Intend this year to have sent us from Cassambuzar, and a List of what we would have provided against y^e^ ensueing yeare, with an Invoice of y^e^ Stock in amounting to about 80000 pound which we have ordered our Cheif and Councill at Hughly forthwith to send up to Cassambuzar which is farre greater then ever yet was sent to y^t^ place and so are Likewise our demands of goods from [there,] it being a trade we can with more advantage expatiate in, esspecially in raw Silk and Black and coulored Taffaties, y^n^ in any other trade of India whatever.

Wee doe therefore desire you as we doubt not but you will to enlarge our Investments this yeare all that possibly you can in all Sorts of Commodities of that Place esspecially those beforementioned.

Your experience is great in those Countries, our opinion you will see is great of you & our expectations proportionable which we doubt not but y^u^· will fully answare.

Wee are well informed one reason why our Silk and Taffaties Investment came so extraordinary Short of our orders and expectations y^s^ year, was there sending a way a Ship with Silk from y^e^ Bay to Surrat that yeare, a great abuse it [was ?] of our Large Indulgence to our Servants in allowing them so generall a trade in India and which if we should have any further disappointment of y^t^ nature would soone cause us to repent and it may be retract our great kindnesse to them. Wee require therefore that no such thing be done nor any thing like it for y^e^ future but that our Europe Shipps be dispatched and with no Lesse then y^e^ full quantities ordered of all Sorts of Silkes wrought and raw and that ℔ticular care bee taken that all our Silkes be wrought of Cleane, so we commend you and all our affaires to y^e^ Blessing of y^e^ Almighty god and rest

Your Loveing freinds

W^M^· Thompson Gover^R^· Berkely.

James Edwards

John Clerk

Josiah Child

Mathew Andrewes

Tho : Canham.

Jere : Sambrooke.

Nath : Letten.

John Bathurst.

James houblon.

Jos : Hern.

Sam : Moyer.

Tho : Papillon Depu^T^·

John Moore.

Chandoze.

Edwa : Rudge.

Rich : Hutchinson.

John Morden.

Christ Boone.

Cassambuzar Musters writ for in 1679.

Farrendines Black		400 p^{s}.	generall encrease ½ more ℔ advise to y^{e} fort 15: Septem^{br}. 1680
Sattins	100 Pinck	400 p^{s}	
	100 fren: yellow ...		
	100 Skie		
	100 Crimson		
Taffaties Black		5000	
Ditto green		500	
Ditto Skie		500	
Adathaes each sort		200	

The like quantities of each sort to be provided at Cassambuzar for y^{e} ensuing yeare.

To the. Hon^{ble}: y^{e} Agent and Councill in Fort S^{t}. George.

London y^{e} 24: Decem^{r}: 1680.

Honr^{d}: S^{rs}:

By agreement with the honorable East India Compa I am to repay them in fort S^{t}. George y^{e} some of Pagodes new 3234 being for so much of my Sallary and gratuity there p^{d}. me more then they allow of viz^{t}.

2730: –: –: y^{e} March 167$\frac{8}{7}$
237: –: –: y^{e} July 1677
267: –: –: y^{e} Jan^{ry}: 167$\frac{7}{8}$

Pag^{d}. 3234: –: –: with y^{e} Intrest from y^{e} time when by me rec^{d} to y^{e} time

when paid as usually there, that is in y^{e} Like case, consideratis considerandis which is Left to your prudence, in ℔formance whereof I now send you as ℔ Inclosed Invoice and Bills of Loading, in 2 Small boxes, marked & N^{o}. as in y^{e} margent two Ingotts of gold viz^{t}.

N^{o}. 1 one box q^{t} 2 Ingotts q^{t}	204: 18: 5	of gold ℔ Ship Bengall Mech^{t}. Cap^{t} Jn^{o} Gouldsbroug Com̃d[er].
N^{o}. 2 one box q^{t} 2 Ingotts q^{t}	253: 13: 12	of gold ℔ Ship golden fleece Cap^{t} James Cooke Com̃der,
in both .. oz	458: 11: 17	Standerd, the

which when it Shall please god to send y^{e} said Shipps to you I hereby desire and enorder you to receive & cause to be Coined for me into Pagodes of that Mint and out of y^{e} neat proceed thereof to pay into y^{e} hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Cash y^{e} said pagodes 3234 with y^{e} Intrest as afores^{d}. in which I Intreat you to consider that this is not for one month or two, (as y^{e} hon^{ble} Company once paid 12 ℔ C^{o} ℔ annum) not for 6: or 7 months as I have known, 9: or 10 ℔ C^{o} ℔ annum paid, but for four years and as many months, with y^{e} vallue in their own hands all y^{e} while they haveing my ℔mission mony all in their hands, and after all this being for my wages allready earned, by Service & Labour gone throug with all, In fine I Leave it to your prudence to doe herein as you Shall think fitting and Shall thankfully approve thereof.

Whatsoever y^{e} net proceed of this gold Shall exceed what I am to pay y^{e} hon^{ble} Comp^{a}. there, pray pay into y^{e} hon^{ble} Comp^{a} Cash to be repayd me here, and if short advise how much and Shall here make it good to them though I hope there will be no need for y^{e} Latter.

I am not to pay any Custom of Coynage hereupon as y^e^ hon^ble^ Compa will have advised you in their generall Letter which being y^e^ needfull at present I respectfully Sallute you and remaine

Hon^ble^ S^r^· etc. Councill

Your verry humble Servant

W^m^· Langhorn[e ?].

Contents of my gold bills Loading not yet come up but will be sent in y^e^ honble Comp^a^· Packett

N^o^· 1	108	: 16	: 00	: stand^rd^·	102	: 12	: 9	Intrest now on good security is at
2	102	: 17	: 2	: ...	102	: 5	: 20	4 ℔ C^o^ here y^e^ hon^ble^ Comp^a^· pay
3	...	...	...	...	127	: 19	: 12	but 3 ℔ C^o^ ℔ advise.
4	...	...	...	...	125	: 14	: —	
					458	: 11	: 1	Standerd

Our Agent Governour & Councill at Fort S^t^· George. London 15 March 168½.

Wee are not willing to Let our Surratt Shipps depart without a Letter to you, although we have Little to add to what we wrote you by our Agent W^m^· Gyfford Esq^r^· who went on y^e^ Ship Bengall Merchant in Comp^a^· of y^e^ golden fleece George Cæsar and Anne, that which most materiall is, that we Intend y^e^ ensueing year to Send you full as much Tonnage, as we did this, therefore you must be sure in time to make provission for a Suitable Cargo esspecially of Bulky goods, and Silk concerning which we wrote Sufficiently by our Said Shipps.

You must Likewise importunately and Incessantly presse our Cheife Servants in y^e^ Bay to mend their management of our affaires in thosse factories which were intollerably bad y^e^ Last yeare in many respects mentioned in our former Letters, and which, (if not very much amended by the Shipps we now expect,) wee cannot bear with them any Longer but Shall be necessitated to make a great Change.

Faille not to give us y^e^ names of Such as you shall understand to have abused that great Indulgence we give of a generall trade, in India to our prejudice esspecially of those vile ℔sons that Sent away the Silk from Cassambuzar last year, & thereby hindred our own Investments in that Commodity.

Take all oppertunities to retrench y^e^ Extravigancie of our Charge at y^e^ ffort and in all places within your Agency, and know that it is our Constant Maxim grounded upon a Long experience, that a wastefull haughty or prodigall ℔son, can never be a good Servant for us, Let him be otherwise never so Crafty plausible or methodicall: Bee never without a Store of Turmerick & Saltpetre, at y^e^ fort, to answare all emergencies, and defects of other goods and then wee may reasonably hope never more to pay any dead freight.

Keep all ℔sons to our rules of sending constantly Diaries & monthly acc^ts^· of Cash and Spare none of y^e^ Defaulters, upon any pretence whatsoever, otherwise then our rules doe allow, till you make examples of some, wee can never hope any regularity to be observed, but in doeing publick right to us, be sure you never exercise private revenge or prejudice.

Looke sharply to y^e^ Diamond businesse, & Spare no transgressours for favour or fear of any ℔son, & if you rightly consider it, as y^e^ Scheme of that businesse, is Laid its more y^r^· own Intrest then ours ℔sonally, & if you doe your parts Ingeniously we may probably double our Stock in that commodity in a Short time.

There is one M^r^· Tho. Davis a Linnen Draper who has Lately given over his trade and is gone in Company with one Salvadore a Jew for India over land (as it is said) though Some suggest they are gone in some of our Shipps under disguise, of which we thought good to advise you that in case they come into your parts you may keep a watchfull eye over them, that they act nothing prejudiciall to our Trade, and that

all our Factors and Servants be admonished to afford them no assistance or Incouragement in their proceedings, and you are to give us advise what you can Learn concerning them, both of their way of comeing over and of their transactions in y^e^ Country, we have not els to adde but commending you and our affaires to y^e^ protection of y^e^ almighty we remaine

Your Loveing Freinds

JOHN BANKES	JAMES EDWARDS	WILL: THOMSON Gov^R^.
JOHN LETHEIULLEIR	JOSI: CHILD	THO: PAPILLON DEPU^T^.
JOHN PAIGE	SAM: MOYER	BERKELY
JOHN: MORDEN	JOHN BATHURST	JOHN MOORE
JAMES HOUBLON	THO: CANHAM	ROB: THOMSON
	RICH: HUTCHINSON	JEREMY SAMBROOKE
	DANIELL SHELDON	EDWARD RUDGE
	NATH. LETTEN	JOSEPH HERN
	MATH: ANDREWES	JOHN CLARKE
		CHRIS: BOONE

ACCOUNT OF GOODS LOADEN ON BOARD Y^E^ FOLLOWING SHIPPS ON ACC^T^ OF FREIGT.

1680. Ship Bengall Merch^t^. Cap^t^. John Goldsbrough Commander.

Thomas Gray to Streynsham Masters Esq^r^.
nine Chests of wine.

Humphry Edwin
Six Chests of wine.

Nathan: Smith to Tho: Clarke
Two Perewiggs one Coate of Armes 2 foote Square.

Jere Sambrooke to John Davis
five Chests severall sorts wine, one Beavor hat 16 gallons oyle two Barrells mum two perewiggs, 12 Lamp glasses 20 painting brushes, a quarter of a hundred bookes, 25 yards flowred Silk.

Benja Deven Seaman
one Chest wine.

Hugh Reason to Bazileell Sherman
Two boxes pictures & Mapps 5 pound vallue bone lace
5 gallons wine.

Francis Catchpole to Allen Catchpole
one Cask beare one Case Brandy & wine, one hatt some bookes, one small velvett Case glasse bottles 2 Rings.

Abraham Sayon to Vincent Sayon
2 butts of Beere.

Edward Wheeler to James Wheeler
one box con^t^. one melley Serge one Caster hatt one box of 10 pounds Tobacco one box q^t^. one grosse pipes.

S^r^ Josiah Child
2 Chests wine.

Mary Barker to Mathew Manwareing
3 Chests wine, Strong Waters Sirrupps, one box herbs.

S^r^ Matthew Andrews
6 Barrills Mum.

Cap^t^. John Proud to John ffield
2 small Chests wine.

Shippe Cæsar Capt. Jonathan Andrewes Commander viz^{t}

Thomas Gray to Streynsham Masters Esq^{r}.
Nine Chests of wine.

Tho: Gray to severall freinds
Three Chests wine.

Tho: Papillon Esq^{r}. to Ralph Or
Two Chests wine one hd. bear

Sr Rich: Haddock to John Dixon
one Chest wine.

John Billers to John Bridger
Three boxes qt 160 lb wt. cut and Dryed Tobacco.

Benjamin Godfrey to John Bridger
One Pipe Canary in Chests, one Chest cont 38 gallons Clarrett, 3 Chests Brandy some Divinity bookes, 12 pounds Quince Marmelatt, one gallon Cherry Brandy one Cheese in Lead one Silver Watch

Francis Birt to Wm. Dixon
Three pair Shoes some Womens hoods one box hearbs.

Henry Harris to Timothy Harris
One pack Russia Leather one box haberdashers ware & toyes and two Chests wine.

Lady Anne Dawes to Streynsham Master Esq^{r}.
One Chest wine.

Thomas Canham Esq^{r}
Three Chests Wine.

John Forth to Elihu Yale
one barrill mum.

Mrs. Shipley to Samuell Walles
one Remnant of Cloth qt 2½ yards 10 doz: buttons one Saddle and Furniture one pair Silk Stockins one pair Laced Ruffles.

Cary Ward purser of this Ship
18 Chests of Wine and Brandy.

Capt. Jonathan Andrewes
one Tonne of Wine.

Shipp Golden Fleece Capt. James Cooke Commander

Anne Elford to Joseph Hinmers
Four yards Scarlett Cloth 20 yards Sattin 12 paire Silk Stockins 6 ps Ribbon 6 hoods, one Chest qt. 10 groce pipes, 60 pounds Tobacco 3 Beavor hatts 16 Barrells of Mum.

Thomas Gillbert to Wm Gilbert
30 gallons Brandy in Cases, 1 hundred wt. Tobacco, 2 hogsheads Bear and Ale 3 Caster hatts one Chest wine glasses one Camlett Coate.

John Capell Sayle maker of this Shipp
2 halfe hogsheads Tobacco.

Robert Bretton to Joseph Hinmers
Tenne Chests Wine.

Walter Limbery purser of this Shipp
one Chest Wine.

Mrs. Mohoone to her husband
3 hogs heads bear one Cheese in Lead.

To Rich Brereton Factor
One Tunne of Wine in Chests.

Nicholas Coleburn to Henry Croone Coleburn
one Chest Wine.

Capt. John Proud to John Field
Two small Chests Wine.

Shippe George Capt Nehemiah Earning Commander
vizt.

Richard Barker Factor
3 Chests Wine.

Nathaniell Vind cent to Mathias Vincent
5 Chests wine.

Daniell Sheldon
one Chest qt 12 gallons Canary.

Samuell Meverell to Sam: Meverell
one Doz: Sword Blades two hatts one Rapier some Toyes as knifes and Sizers.

Roger Scattergood to John Scattergood
One Chest Canary.

John Beard to James Souden
one box qt one Saddle & furniture 26 Lookeing glasses one pair Pistolls one Chees in Lead.

Richd: Daniell to ffitz Needam
one hatt & hat band one perewig 2 pair Silk Stockins, 20 pair Worsted Stockins 2 Chests Sherry 20 brasse Locks, one Large glasse Branch or Candle stick.

Rich: Craddock
3 Chests of Wine.

Shipp Anne Capt Leonard Brown Commander vi

Matthew Shepheard to Matthew Shepheard
one Chest Spannish Wine.

Dr. Burnett to Robert Duglis
one box qt 3½ doz: drinking glasses, one box qt a small Clock 3 small bundles bookes 6 yards [h ?] Mohayre.

Samuell Moyer Junr. to Mr. hill
23 Lookeing glasses 10 yards bone Lace one hatt.

Humphry Edwin
6 Chests Wine.

List of forreign Bullion Loaden aboard ye golden Fleece for Account of ℔ticular ℔ons vizt

Sr. James Oxinden and Thomas papillon Esqr.	Silver ...	1905: Oz ℔
Anne Elford gold & Silver Lace	...	101: vallue
Sr. Josiah Child and Compa	ps ⅝:	2500:
Walter Limbery	do.	200
Edward Watts	do.	500: p ⅝
Owners of ye golden fleece	vallue	800: £
Capt. and Officers	ditto	800:
Ditto Shipps Expence	do.	400
Henry Alford	do.	250
John Stables	do.	250
Henry Stanly	do.	50
Rich: Brereton	do.	250

List of forreign Bullion Laden aboard ye Cæsar for Accr of ꝑticular ꝑsons viz.

Elizabeth Mellish	...	ps 8/8	654½
Lady Anne Dawes	...	gold	90oz
Edward Grace	...	do.	1½
Charles Chamberlaine	...	do.	50
Francis Birt	...	gold & silver lace	9 £ : vallue.
John Morden	...	ps 8/8	1000 :
William Pearse	...	wrought plate	216 oz :
Henry Harris	...	gold & silver lace	40 £ vallue.
George Earle of Berkley	...	gold	12½ oz
Rich: Turner	...	ps 8/8	220
Cary Ward	...	do	220 £ : vallue.
Nathaniell Letton	...	gold	35 oz
Michaell godfrey	...	do	62
Elizabeth Brown	...	do	20 £ : vallue
Nico. Reynardson Esqr	...	ps 8/8	1000 :
Rich: Barker	...	vallue	250
Owners of ye Cæsar	...	ditto	600
Capt. & Officers	...	ditto	800
Shipps Expence	...	ditto	400

List of the Packett ꝑ Golden Fleece 16 8/8 0/1.

No. 1 The Companys generalls datd. 19th March 1679. 16th July, ye 7th & 16th: 7ber: 1680.
2 The Companies Generall of 5 Janry. 16 8/8 0/1 with ye List of good annexed
3 The Companies Generall to Streynsham Master Esqr.
4 The Companies Generall to Hughly with List of goods annexed.
5 Invoyce of ye golden ffleece
6 Bill of Ladeing of Ditto
7 Observations about ye Mint
8 Orders about ye Diamond Trade
9 Coppie of ye golden ffleeces Charterparty
10 Indulgence to factors
11 Indulgence to Owners and Commanders &ca.
12 List of Bullion Shipped by ꝑmission
13 List of goods wanting in Bales
14 The Compas Commission to Agent Gyfford.

List of the Packett ꝑ Cæsar.

No. 1 Coppy of ye Compas. Genell: dated 19th March 1679: 16th July 7th & 16th 7ber 1680.
2 The Compas. Generall dated ye 5 Janry. 1680 wth: ye List of goods annexed.
3 The Compas. Generall to Streynsham Master Esqr.
4 Invoice of ye Cæsar
5 Bill of Loading of Ditto
6 Orders about ye Diamond Trade
7 Copie of Cæsars Charter party
8 Indulgence to ffactors

9 Indulgence to Owners Command^{rs}. &c^{a}.
10 List of Bullion Shipped ℔ ℔mission
11 List of goods wanting in Bales.

ABSTRACT OF THE HON^{BLE}. COMPA^{s}. INVOYCE TO THE BAY ℔ THE GEORGE & ANNE.

On y^{e} George

		£	s	d	
35	Bales of Broad Cloath	1761	16	6	
4	Bales of Serges & perpetuanes...	430	0	0	
4	Bales of Clothrashes	192	12	9	
75	Chests of Silver...	76346	0	9	
100	Piggs of Lead	197	8	1	
2	Cases of Paper	31	3	0	
12	Anchors	351	17	4	
11	Chests fflint glasses	163	12	4	
2	Chests of Chyrurgery	30	0	0	
					79504 10 9

1 box of Patterns of Silk & Silk Stuffes

On the Anne.

34	Bales of Broad Cloth	1672	12	6	
4	Bales of perpetuanes	248	0	0	
4	Bales of Cloth Rashes	190	8	9	
62	Chests of Silver	61483	4	11	
150	Piggs Lead	296	3	3	
	Severall ℔cells of Dying Ware...	100	18	11	
					63991 08 4
				£.	143495 19 1

GOODS WANTING ℔ SEVERALL SHIPPS FROM THE COAST AND BAY.

ps.	No.	Ships names	Ticketts signed
13 Hummums	C 8 ℔ y^{e}	Society	no tickett
11 Gingams could^{r}	A 5	Eagle	no tickett
1 Nillae	B 9	Nathaniell	Geo: Peock
11 Ginghams could^{r}	B 5	Eagle	Edward Bugden
4 Chequerd silk	N° 12	Successe	ffra: Ellis
5 Golcondah Bett^{ls}	„ 26	George	Maurice Wynne
3 Ginghams could^{r}	B 5	George	Matthew Shephear'd
6 Dungaree	N°. 20	George	noe Tickett
1 Ditto	„ 4	Ditto	
1 Mooree	„ 8	ffleece	no tickett
8 Izzarees	„ 23	Ditto	Sam: Wales

Wee likewise want a bale of ℔calleas M 9 ℔ y^{e} George Invoyce to Containe 300 peices.

A Coppy of a Clause of the Bengall Generall to y^{e} hon^{ble}: Company dated y^{e} 6th: of January 168½.

The Shipps have had their dispatch Exceeding late this year notwithstanding our uttermost Endeavours to further it, never any year was the Saltpetre got on board sooner then it was this, respecting the great quantity thereof, nor did never Sloopes make more turnes into Ballasore road hence in one year, the Small Sloope of 20 tonns, being also timely appointed to Carry of y^{e} goods at Ballasore on board the Shipps, to prevent y^{e} Theivery of y^{e} Purgomen, but we haveing no vessells, at ffraught this yeare, as formerly was usuall here, and haveing no other Deckt vessells but these two sloopes, both makeing but 130 tunns, two small ones of 20 Tunns a peice being lost in a Storm, in September last comeing from Madapollam, your bale-

goods which we had no order, nor could think convenient without order to Adventure on open Country boates, could [not?] be sent down any faster then those Sloopes could Carry them, and we failed not to have them well Laden every time as will appear by our severall respective orders, to y^e ℔son appointed to that businesse in Ballasore roade for their unloading on board the Europe Shipps.

A true Coppy attested by me.

JAMES SOWDON.

The above Clause was entred here through a mistake.

CAP^T. JOHN GOULDSBROUGHS DISPATCH.

CAP^T. JOHN GOULDSBROUGH LONDON: 5 JANU^RY. $16\frac{80}{81}$.

Wee have freighted your Shipp y^e Bengall Merch^t. whereof you are Commander as also y^e golden ffleece, Cap^t. James Cooke y^e. George Cap^t. Nehemihah Earning y^e Cæsar Cap^t. Jonathan Andrewes and y^e Anne Cap^t. Leon^d. Brown, which we have designed for y^e Coast of Choromandell and Bay of Bengall as Likewise y^e Ship new London Cap^t. John Daniell and y^e Persia Merch^t. Cap^t. John Bowers Comānders wh^ch. are bound for y^e port of Bantam in y^e East Indies, we therefore order that you use your utmost Endeavours for getting your Shipp into y^e Downes and from thence with y^e first oppertunity as wind and weather will ℔mitt of sailing and keeping Company togeather as farre as y^e Island S^t. Jago Steering at least 30 or 40 Leagues to y^e Westward of Maderas, to Avoyd y^e Danger of Turkes men of warre, you must therefore be verry Cautious how you fall in with that or any other y^e Cape deverd Islands Least any Turkesmen of warre or other Pirates (knowing it to be a place we usually refresh at) should Lie there in waite to Surprize any Shipps that come thither and if you shall with y^e other 4 first named Shipps obtaine a quick passage to S^t. Jago, so as you judge you may timely gaine the Coast of Choromandell, that then you keep Comp^a. togeather from thence. And if it shall be so early as that you think it safe, to goe within Madagazear and through y^e 8 degree Channell, that then you sayle togeather toward y^e Coast; but y^e George and Anne when they shall arrive at y^e Eastward of Ceylon are to sayle directly to y^e Bay without touching upon y^e Coast, of Choromandell according to our orders given in that behalfe,

But in Case you shall be detayned by contrary winds on y^e Coast of England, soe as you judge your Sayleing togeather may retard your Voyage, and hinder your timely arrivall at y^e ffort, then you are to make y^e best of your way from S^t. Jago although you sayle by yourselfe, and if you find when you are beyond y^e Cape of good hope, that y^e time of y^e yeare is so farre spent, that it will be too late to goe within S^t. Lawrence, that then you doe sayle without, all which we have observed in such cases at that Season to be y^e most Certaine & shortest passage and so by y^e best of your Endeavours to gaine y^e Coast as soone as you can, And being arrived at ffort S^t. George (wee haveing discharged our former Agent M^r. Streynsham Master) you are to follow y^e orders & directions of our new Agent M^r: W^m: Gyfford (who proceeds with [you?] in your voyage) and his councill, and in his absence, of such Agent and Councill as shall succeed him, for your further proceedings in your Voyage,

And for your better defence in thesse troublesome times, in case you should be Attacqued by an enemy, we doe Acquaint you Cap^t. John Gouldsbrough to wear y^e fflag as Admirall, Cap^t. James Cooke in the golden ffleece to be vice Admirall, and Cap^t. Nehemiah Earning in the George to be Reer Admirall, and therefore you are to consult togeather, how you may best keep Company for your mutuall defence and take notice that though we have given you direction to sayle singly if belated for gaining your passage, yet we would much rather have you keep Comp^a. togeather. Wee understand our Agent Gifford hath chosen to take passage on your Ship therefore we would have you shew him all due respects as becomes his place, and when you Sett Sayle out of the Downes you are to take care a Sufficient number of Carteregcs be filled with powder to be in readinesse in case of any sudden Assault in your passage outwards for India, and to have y^e like provision alwaies ready dureing y^e whole voyage.

Wee have of late given liberty for y^e^ ladeing of goods in our shipps from y^e^ Coast and Metchlepatam, and from both to y^e^ Bay, and from thence back to y^e^ said places, but understanding it was y^e^ occasion y^e^ last year of retarding our Shipps from goeing down into y^e^ Bay and of their return back in due time, to our verry great Charge, and y^e^ hazarding y^e^ Looseing of their Monzoones, besides y^e^ danger & damage in comeing about y^e^ Cape, so late, we have therefore made an order that noe goods either goeing down to y^e^ Bay, or comeing up, shall hence forth be ℔mitted to be Loaden on board our Shipps but what is for our own proper Accompt, on any pretence whatsoever, and therefore as you will have notice thereof from our Agent and Councill so we give you a Speciall Charge, that you ℔mitt none to be Loaden on board y^r^ Shipp upon any pretence whatsoever, that soe our Shipps may by y^e^ blessing of god be despeeded to us in due time.

Wee desire you to keep up y^e^ Worship of god aboard y^r^ Ship and good orders amongst your men and take care of their healths & that our rules be observed by you and y^r^ Company, and that you use your utmost endeavours as to y^r^ Speedy passage, passage outward bound so for y^r^ quick return for England, and when you Sett Saile from Fort S^t^ George you are to keep Compa. with Such Shipps as shall be dispatched at y^e^ same time with you, untill you come to S^t^ Helena and being there arrived, we require you to keep Company with as many of our Shipps as you find there at y^r^ arrivall and which shall come in dureing your Stay, and Consult togeather how you may best associate, in case you should Meet w^th^ an enemy in order to which in regard wee know not what Commanders may be upon y^e^ place, we cannot appoint your Stations, but require you, laying aside all occasions of misunderstanding, you ranke your Selfes according to your Seniority in Command, and be alwaise on your Guard, and keep y^r^ Ship in a good posture of defence, Esspecially when you Come near our Coast, and not to part Company in y^e^ Channell untill y^r^ arrivall in y^e^ downes, and neither to trust y^e^ Turkes (there being now warre with them,) nor any Europian nation, for that we know not how affaires may stand between his Majesty and other nations before y^r^ Return.

You are to take notice that when you come on this side S^t^ helena in y^r^ homeward bound voyage as also outward thither you must in obedience to his Majesties proclamation, weare only y^e^ usuall English fflagg and Ensign and no other viz^t^, y^e^ white fflagg with y^e^ red Crosse, and a red ensign with a white Crosse, in y^e^ upper Corner.

The Draught of y^e^ River Ganges that was delivered you here you are to leave with our Cheife and Councill at Ballasore, upon your Comeing from thence with Such observations, as you shall make thereon.

And so Commending you to y^e^ protection of y^e^ Almighty praying for your prosperous voyage and happy return we remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds.

OUR CHEIFE AND COUNCELL AT HUGHLY. LONDON 22^d^ APRILL 1681.

Wee have thought fitt to hasten this Expresse so Soone to you after our Shipps to reinforce your through Compliance with our late orders by our Shipping, Esspecially in that most Important affaire of raw Silke, wherein our Expectations were so vilely frustrated last yeare that you may verry well admire, how we could satisfie ourselfes after so great provocation, with y^t^ Single Instance of our just resentment in onely Changeing our Agent.

Wee would have you Send us y^e^ full quantities of every Sort of raw Silke wrote for and if you doe Exceed our orders in those kinds, that you buy from 4 Rupees and under to one Rupee and under ℔ Seer, wee Shall Esteem it acceptable Service and vallue you accordingly, but we can never Expect you Should doe that if you content y^r^ Selfes or your Merchants natives, to goe in an old dull Insipid inactive method without Imploying new men of better Stocks, or more Ingenuity, that will not faile of Supplying you punctually and in good Season for y^e^ dispatch of our Shipps, w^th^ y^e^ full quantities of w^t^ ever we write for.

And for that reason we have ordered you contrary to our late Agents Politicks, to buy at all our factories whatever y^e^ places doe affaord although Still y^e^ greatest quantities of every sort of goods where they may be had Cheapest, And notwithstanding we doe lay on you y^e^ greatest Charge to Enlarge our Investments, in all y^e^ Coursest kind of raw Silke because we Judge it [not?] y^e^ most gainefull, but y^e^ most nationall Commodity, we can bring for England, being a Commodity to be manufactured which setts our poore on worke, greatly augments our navigation, & workes upon y^e^ trade of our emulous Neigbours, yet we doe not Intend hereby you Should Lessen our Investments, or fall Short of our orders in any other kind of goods, and that y^e^ want of mony may be no excuse or obstruction to your full Effecting all our orders, we doe hereby give you ℔mission to take up y^e^ vallue of 30 or 40000 £ Sterling at Interest, so as y^e^ whole Surmounting what we Sent you by our Shipps be returned by y^e^ same Shipping, otherwise doe not charge us with y^e^ burthen of Interest.

And in regard we doe intend to Enlarge our trade in all places & noe lesse in y^e^ Bay then in any other part of India, we doe resolve (god willing) to Send you full as much Shipping and a much larger Stock, this ensuing winter then we did last.

Wee could give our Selves no rationall Satisfaction concerning y^e^ Losse or gaine by thosse Commodities, you sent us musters of y^e^ Last yeare, by reason of that strange neglect of your not Sending us Invoices but in generall we observed that they sold well at our Candle as lately all new things of any kind have done, and therefore wee would have you goe on in provideing thosse Sorts according to Musters returned you by our last Shipps and y^e^ full quantities then wrote for, and Send us instead of 2 as we advised you by our last Letters 10 or 12 bales of any other new kind of goods, which you think proper for Europe, and can meet with, in y^e^ variety whereof wee are sure your parts of India doe abound.

Wee have Seen Some Attlasses and other Silkes which formerly came over in y^e^ ℔missive trade much Stronger, and cont: halfe as much more Silk in a peice of y^e^ same Length, as we have usually had in ours, gett as many of thosse Stronger Silkes made and Send us, as you can between y^e^ time, you will receive this Letter at y^e^ Season of your Imbarcation and to that end hasten an Expresse with a Coppy of this letter to our Cheife and Councill att Cassambuzar as soone as it comes to your hands.

Sett your Weavors Inventions at Work to make Plushes Velvetts and Sattins as fine, rich, and as Strong as y^e^ best usually worn here; and of y^e^ same breadth, there is nothing so difficult but may be Effected where y^e^ materiall Silk and midwife Labour are so Cheap, as with you Let y^e^ Coulors that you Send us first for a triall, be Crimson, blew, yellow and of good greens, if you can dye that Coulour well with you, but any Colours in new goods rather then faille,—Encourage the Ingenious and first Imitators of such Staple Commodities, of y^e^ usuall production of Italy & ffrance which pick our pocketts, while they come from thence, but would fill his Majesties and Subjects purses if we could bring them from India.

Send us some peices for Experiment of every such kind of Strong fabricks, as soone as you can though they cost us so deare att first, that we gaine nothing by them, by which directions as you may See our Indulgence to our Country, we Expect by your diligent pursuance of them, to have a testemony of yours as well as of your Zealle for our Service. It is not necessary we Should give you y^e^ reason of our orders, but your duty to obey them Simply, because they are ours, yet seeing our motives are of such a generous nature, as must needs provoke y^e^ activity of any Englishman, that Lodges in his brest y^e^ Love of his Country, wee shall tell you that our purpose is, (with gods assistance) to Encrease our navigation as much as our trade that as our ffleets grow yearly richer, they may proportionably grow Stronger, In which wee find ourselves upon this Dilemma, If we bring over great quantities of Turmerick Lacks or other grosse goods, wee Soone Clogg y^e^ markett to that degree, that they will not return us our freight, on y^e^ other hand, if we Enlarge our trade altogeather in fine goods, which are most profitable, our tonnage will be so Little that y^e^ force of our ffleets will be [to] weak for y^e^ treasure of their Loading.

Such deliberations as thesse have brought us up to y^e^ resolution of driveing y^e^ Silk trade throughly, Silk being a Commodity of such universall use in all parts of Europe, Esspecially y^e^ Coursest Sorts of itt, that if you Should lade 2 or 3 of our biggest Shipps with it, (which we are assured is not Impossible,) y^e^ vastnesse of y^e^ quantity would not Sink y^e^ price materially to our damage.

Upon y^e^ Same grounds mentioned in y^e^ foregoeing paragraph, we would have you Send us yearly 30 or 40 or more Tonns of Bees wax if you can shipp it So as it may be afforded here for 12^d^ ℔ pound, and let it be of y^e^ best, and hardest Sort, that you can gett, and you must be fully Assured that there is no mixture of rice-fflower, or any thing els mixed with it, whereby to make it looke white and Cheate you in y^e^ weigt, without which assurance we would have you to remelt all you buy, and to Clear it from all filth that nothing but pure wax may remaine, and to cast it into Cakes Embaleing it over with gunny, and to take Esspeciall care that it be Stowed at y^e^ Bottom of y^e^ hold, not near any of our Silk or fine goods, it beeing apt with Lying to breed a Weevell in it, which may prejudice our other goods, and for an Experiment Send us, 4 or 6 bales of y^e^ finest Stuffe, of which you make your best ropes for your bales, we doe not Expect it should pay freight, but are willing our manufacturers about this Citty should try some Experiment upon it.

Ramalls at Dacca.

Wee have heard of an Excellent Sort of Silk romalls to be bought Cheap att Decca. order some from thence and some from Maulda to bee Sent us by our next Shipping (if it be possible) that we may see y^e^ Sorts and Compare them and y^e^ prizes togeather with Such as we Shall receive from other places according as we directed both in our Letter and in our List of goods to be provided by you & Sent you on our last Shipps.

Wee have Sent you in this packett 4 patterns of thin Silks y^e^ blew & yellow are Such as we call here Sarsnetts, of each gett us 5000 peices made against y^e^ return of our Shipping in 1682 of y^e^ same breadth and 30 or 40 yards Long at Least, and if you can let some of them bee a good grasse green & some Crimson & Scarlett. if you can arrive att those Coloures.

The black and white are called alamode Sarcenetts, and are commonly used here for hoods, of which 50000 p^s^ of each would Sell in a yeare therefore without Limitation gett us made what quantity of them you can, provided y^e^ black be good and both glossy, however Send us 10,000 peices of each, as good and neat as you can.

Wee have thought fitt to appropriate into y^e^ generall Joint Stock exclusive to all others y^e^ Comodities following viz^t^ all Musk in Codd and out of Codd, Persia wrought Silkes, Achmadabad Taffities Herba Taffities Silk Longees & Chercollees, which wee have left out of Indulgences this yeare; both to factors officers and Seamen, and doe give you y^e^ early advise thereof to prevent all Excuses, that may be pleaded of not haveing timely notice thereof, this prohibition takes place upon all Ships, that shall after this day goe out from hence, for India, and so commending you and our affaires to y^e^ guidance and blessing of y^e^ Almighty wee remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds

OUR CHEIF & COUNCILL ATT HUGHLY.

LONDON Y^E^ 20: MAY: 1681

1. Since our last of y^e^ 22^d^ Aprill, Coppy whereof goes herewith wee have freighted four vessells for our China & Tonqueen trade, viz^t^ y^e^ Oaklander burden 150^ts^ Cap^t^ Marmaduke Woolters, y^e^ China Merch^t^ 130^ts^ Cap^t^ Jn^o^ Utber, y^e^ Kent 130^ts^ Cap^t^ Leyston Saunders, & y^e^ Johnson als Amoy Merchant 130^ts^ Capt. Rob^t^ Knox, which wee Intend shall all saile togeather from Gravesend y^e^ 14^th^ of August next, and may arrive at Bantam in March following, and depart thence all in comp^a^ about y^e^ 20^th^ of May ensueing, one of them for Tonqueen & thence to Bantam and from Bantam home with pepper, y^e^ other 3 all for Amoy. Thence one to your place, one to y^e^ ffort and one to Surratt, and from each of thesse places directly for Europe with rough goods.

2. Haveing told you in as few generall words as wee can, how we Intend for y^e^ future to Carry on thosse trades, we require you that if any of our own Shipps now In India, whosse names are Expressed in y^e^ Margent bee or doe arrive with you after y^e^ receipt of this, and upon Survey you find such Shipp or shipps, may with Little Charge be fitted to return for England with a Loading of Saltpetre Turmerick or other rough goods, that you doe Accordingly Load Such a Shipp or Shipps home for England, or ells sell it [or] them in y^e^ Country, for y^e^ most you can procure. Return Tiwan Formosa Advise pinck Flying Eagle.

3. But in no case after receipt of this, Load any Ship of ours with any Loading of goods back to Bantam or any other port in India, we being resolved to put a full and finall Stopp to all our trades of that nature.

4. And since this is our positive resolution and that you may be alw[aise] ready to give a present dispatch in 3 or 4 dayes time to any Shipp under 200 Tonns Burden besides y^e^ full Loading of our Europe Shipps, wee find it necessary to enjoyne you to be constantly supplied with at least 400 tonns of Saltpetre and Turmerick, in our godownes att Ballasore which is y^e^ principall end of this Second Expresse.

5. As upon y^e^ Loading of such a China Ship or dispatch of our Europe ffleet, you may diminish or empty y^r^ said Standing Store of 400 tonns we would have you so contrive your businesse, that you may have y^r^ full Store replenisht againe in a Short time.

6. Verry fine Mull mulls finer then any we have had from you of Late yeares, would sell well, Course and Midling are druggs, Send us what you can in such a short time, procure y^e^ verry finest that are made.

7. Your Coulered Ginghams must be made much better & Stronger full lengths not all gray, but mixt of all variety & Coulours.

Your Sannoes are generally too yellow, they should be better drest and y^e^ Congee have more blew in it, if you could have your Sannoes drest as white and as fine, as y^e^ Bettelees are at y^e^ fort, they would sell much better, as they now come, some of our buyers have been forc't to Send them over to Holland to have them new whited, or Bleached and brought back to England againe to Sell.

Note this for a Constant and generall Rule that in all flowred Silkes, you Change y^e^ fashion and flower as much as you can every yeare, for English Ladies & they say y^e^ french and other Europeans will give twice as much for a new thing not seen in Europe before though worse, then they will give for a better Silk of y^e^ same fashion worn y^e^ former yeare we remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds.

OUR CHEIF & COUNCILL ATT HUGHLY. LONDON y^e^ : 22 : JULY 1681.

The foregoeing are Coppies off our two last to you overland since which considering in time we may happen to be overstocked with saltpetre and Turmerick we would have you to be provided of 100 tonne of y^e^ Best Suger alwaise packed up in strong double Gunnies Lying in your warehouses at Ballasore ready marked with y^e^ Companies marke which may serve either to help to load our Europe Shipps, when you shall see cause or to give a present dispatch to any of our China Shipps that shall arrive with you, y^e^ first whereof that we can foresee may bee y^e^ Kent 130 tonns 12 gunns Leiston Saunders Commander, who is by Charterparty to depart from Gravesend y^e^ 14 August next for Bantam and Amoy and from thence to your place; where we hope, god blessing him, he may arrive time enough if you be ready for him, and doe your part to have y^e^ Company of our Europe Shipps home or at least to save his Monsoones about y^e^ Cape.

But our principall design in this Expresse is further to Inforce our formers orders upon you to be alwais buying & getting in, whatsoever quantities you can of raw Silk, for which when you have not mony, wee doe hereby authorize you to take up mony by way of Exchange, and draw your bills on us or take up at Interest whatsoever shall bee necessary for y^e^ carrying on of that Investment, giveing our Agent and Councill at y^e^ ffort a Constant Account, of all your proceedings and doeings therein as also a monthly Accompt of our Cash according to our

former Rules, that they may see constantly how this Liberty of takeing up mony for that Investment and how y^e^ Investm^t^ itselfe Shall be carried on, wherein we require them to be verry circumspect earnest and Critticall, y^e^ rather because of y^e^ frequent disappointment, neglect and non observance of our orders in y^e^ Bay, which hath been more common and frequent for many yeares past, then in any other parts of India, which wee hope will be carefully amended for y^e^ future.

The 16 & 17 Instant arrived in y^e^ Downes our three Surratt Shipps the Williamson Johanna & Lancaster for which god be praised.

Whatsoever raw silk you can procure of y^e^ sorts we formerly advised you, without Limitation to quantity and whatsoever Bulk it may grow to while our Europe Shipps are with you, let it all be Loaden aboard, tho you take out and lay in our warehouses, Peter & Turmerick in Lieu thereof.

You are alwaise to understand by thesse repeated orders for y^e^ great Increase of our Investments for raw silk, we doe not hereby Intent to diminish or lessen our Investment in any kind of Silkwares or Callicoes or other goods whatsoever formerly enorderd by any of our letters by our Shipping or overland, being resolved god willing to furnish you with a Stock Competent, to Answare, that of raw silk & all our other occasions.

Att y^e^ foote of this you have an Account of our freighted Shipps now goeing out, for our China and other trades in India viz^t^.

	tonns	guns	Comanders.
Oaklander	150 :	14 :	Marmaduke Woolters to Bantam Amoy Surrat London
Kent	130 :	12 :	Leyston Saunders to Bantam Amoy Hugly & London
China Merch^t^.	170 :	14 :	Jn^o^ : Utber to Bantam Amoy y^e^ ffort London
Tonquin Merch^t^ ...	130 :	12 :	Robert Knox to Bantam Tonqueen Bantam London
Amoy Merch^t^.	310 :	28 :	Jn^o^. Nicholson to Bantam Amoy Gombroon ffort, London.
Dragon	180 :	18 :	Anto : Fenne to Mocho Gombroon Bossara Gombroone Surratt and London

Wee have not else to Add but commending you and our affaire to y^e^ guidance and protection of y^e^ Almighty wee remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds

Jos^A^. Child Gov^R^.
Berkely. Tho : Papillon Dep^T^.
Joseph Ash.
John Moore.
Ri : Hutchinson.
Jn^o^. Morden. James Ward.
Jn^o^. Cudworth. Christo : Boone.
Jn^o^. Clerke. Edward Rudge.
Jn^o^. du Bois. Joseph Hern.
Jeremy Sambrooke.
Nath : Letten.

Our Agent and Councill att Fort S^t^. George. London 22 : Aprill 1681.

Two of you so lately understood our mindes as well by frequent discourses with us as by our generall letters that we shall not enlarge to you by this Conveyance, we have great confidence in your truth & no Lesse dependance upon y^r^. Activity.

The Inclosed duplicate of our letter to our Cheife and Councill in y^e^ Bay send forward as soone as you can, and presse our people there constantly to doe our businesse with more Spirit Certainty and regularity, till they have lately done which you

will hardly ever Effect till you have displaced two or three of y^e^ most negligent, according to our former rules & directions, in which however take great care; that neither passion predudide [prejudice?] nor partiality have any share.

Have a watchfull eye upon our businesse at Metchlepatam; and alwais reckon it as it is a matter of vast Importance, that our Shipps be alwaise timely dispatched and fully Laden according to y^e^ List of our goods enordered although any goods are ten times better then dead freight to avoid which keep your Selves alwais Stored with that quantity of Peter & Turmerick, we have appointed you to keep by you at y^e^ fort of which as occasion forces you to diminish, faile not to make that provision before hand that your Standing Store be presently Supplied & made full againe to that quantity we would have you never to be without.

Wee say nothing of our Diamond concern because we hope you are honest enough to Improve & preserve our Intrest therein, & wise enough to know it is y^r^ own.

Wee have thought fitt to appropriate to y^e^ generall Joynt Stock exclusive to all others y^e^ following Commodities viz^t^ all Musk in Codd & out of Codd, persia wrought Silkes Aohmadavad Taffaties, herba Taffities, Silk Longees & Chercolles which we have left out of our Indulgences this yeare, both to ffactors officers & Seamen, and doe give you this early advice thereof, to prevent all excuses that may be pleaded of not haveing timely notice thereof, this prohibition takes place upon all Shipps that shall after this day goe out from hence for India, & so commending you and our affaires to y^e^ guidance & blessing of the Almighty we remaine

Your Loveing Freinds

BERKELY.	JN^o^. LAWRANCE.	JOS^a^. CHILD GOV^r^.
SAM: BARNARDISTON	ROB: THOMSON.	THO: PAPILLON DEP^T^.
JOHN: MOORE.	JN^o^: MORDEN.	JOSEPH ASH.
SAM: MOYER.	RICH: HUTCHINSON.	JAMES EDWARDS.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.	WILLIAM HEDGES.	WILL: SEDGWICK.
JOHN CLERKE.	CHRIS: BOONE.	EDWARD RUDGE.
JOS: HERN.		JOHN CUDWORTH.
NATH: LETTEN.		

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^ GEORGE. LONDON 20^TH^ MAY 1681.

1. Since our last of y^e^ 22^d^ Aprill Coppy whereof goes herewith, we have freighted 4 vessells for our China & Tonqueen trades, viz^t^ y^e^ Oaklander 150 Tonns, Cap^t^ Marmaduke Woolters, y^e^ China Merch^t^, 130 tonns Cap^t^ John Utber, y^e^ Kent, 130 tonns, Cap^tn^ Leyston Saunders & the Johnson als Tonqueen Merchant, 130 tonns, Cap^t^ John Knox, Comand^r^ which we Intend shall all sayle togeather from Gravesend y^e^ 14 of August next, and may arrive at Bantam in March following, and depart thence all in Company about y^e^ 20^th^ of May ensueing, one of them for Tonqueen & thence to Bantam, & from Bantam home w^th^ pepper y^e^ other 3 all for Amoy, thence one to your place one to y^e^ Bay & one to Surratt, and from Each of thosse three places directly for Europe with Gruffe goods.

2. haveing told you in as few generall words as we can how we Intend for y^e^ future to carry on thosse trades, we require you that if any of our own Shipps, now in India whose names are Expressed in y^e^ Margent, bee or doe arrive with you after y^e^ receipt of this, and after Survey you find such Shipp or Shipps may with little Charge be fitted to return for England. with a Loading of Saltpetre Turmerick or other rough goods that you doe accordingly Load Such Shipp or Shipps for England, or els Sell it or them in y^e^ Country for y^e^ most you can procure.

3. But in noe case after receipt of this, Load any shipp of ours with any Loading of goods back to Bantam or any other port in India, we being resolved to put a full and finall Stopp to all our trades of that nature.

4. And Since this is our positive resolution, and that you may bee alwaise ready to give a present dispatch, in 3 or 4 dayes time to any shipp under 200 tonns burden

besides y^e^ full Loading of our Europe Shipps we find it necessary to require you, instead of a Constant Store of tonns of rough goods, as in a foregoeing Letter, to have alwaise in your goedownes 250 : or 300 tonns Store of thosse kinds of Commodities which is y^e^ principall end of this Second Expresse to you.

5. As upon y^e^ Loading of such a China Shipp or dispatch of our Europe ffleet, you may diminish or empty your said Standing Store of 250 or 300^ts^, we would have you so contrive your businesse, that you may have your full Store replenisht againe in a Short time.

6. Wee have for severall yeares advised you to make all your Bettellees both, of 40 and 50 Coveds to be both finer & thinner, which order wee doe renew, and require you to take notice thereof, & to take esspeciall Care to See y^e^ same effectually done and that you endeavour to have your fine Long Cloth N^o^ 4 & 5 to be made as fine & as good as you can, you haveing much fallen of late yeares in debaseing of that Commodity, & not keeping of it up to y^e^ goodnesse of y^e^ former old musters, so that it is to no purpose to pretend to abate us little in y^e^ price, when y^e^ Cloth is so much below ye goodnesse of y^e^ reall muster, which about 10 or 12 yeares agoe our Cloth was sorted by, and y^e^ like care we require you to take in y^e^ fine Sallampores N^o^ 20 & Perculaes & Moores, and to Enquire what is become of y^e^ old musters, y^t^ all our Cloth was contracted for by Mr. Blake, before y^e^ arrivall of S^r^ Edward Wynter, by which musters all our Cloth was sorted, dureing y^e^ time of S^r^ Edward Wynter and Agent Foxcrofft, and to see that our Cloth be contracted for and sorted by them, or as good, but if you can procure a finer Sort of Bettelaes, Sallampoores or Moores, then ever as yet wee have had from your parts, Send us 500 or 1000 p^s^ of eacch sort for a tryall.

7. Our Addition to our bay Letter is in Substance y^e^ same with this so wee think it needlesse to Inclose a Coppy thereof to you & so commending you & our affaires to y^e^ guidance & protection of y^e^ Almighty we remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL ATT FORT S^T^ GEORGE. LONDON 22 JULY 168½

The Coppy aforesaid wee have sent you over Land by two Expresses already, but our directions therein are so essentiall to be observed by you for our Service, that we think it not Impertinent, to be sent to & ℔used by you a third time.

The 15 & 16 Instant arrived in y^e^ Downes our 3 Surratt Shipps, viz., y^e^ Williamson Johanna & Lancaster for which god be praised.

The principall design of this expresse to you is to enjoyn you, according to our former order, that you doe not faile continually to Inculcate both to our Cheife & Councill in y^e^ Bay and to our Cheife and Councell at Hughly, that they doe omitt no oppertunity att all times, to be provideing what quantities they can possibly procure, of raw Silk for which they had our Expresse order by our Shipping, and that y^e^ want of mony may be no pretence, at any time for y^e^ procureing great quantities thereof, order them to draw, what they can upon us, and for y^e^ rest to take up mony at Intrest in y^e^ Country giveing you a monthly Account of their Cash, as also of y^e^ quantities of Silk in Store, bought or contracted for that so this great ℔mission of ours, nor y^e^ Silk bought for us may be misapplied or otherwise diverted after that we have procured it with our own mony as we have cause to feare a Great quantity was that yeare, that M^r^ Master went down into y^e^ Bay to our Irrepareable damage.

Wee purpose god willing this yeare to Send you out such a Stock as Shall Sett them clear of any Ingagements be Sufficient, to Load home y^e^ Shipps & leave a Competent Stock in y^e^ Country for our Cassambuzar Investments.

Order their Bales of raw Silk to be made twice as big as formerly.

And Tell them as we doe you that by this great Encrease of y^e^ Silk Investment, we doe not design any kind of diminution of our Investment of Silkwares Callicoes, or any other goods formerly directed.

Wee have now 6 Shipps goeing out, which are by Charter party to Saile from Gravesend y^e^ 14^th^ August viz^t^.

	Tonns.	guns.	Commanders.
Oaklander ..	150 :	14	Marmaduke Woolters to Bantam Amoy Surrat & London.
Kent	130 :	12	Leyston Saunders for Bantam Amoy Hugly London.
China Merch^t^. ...	170 :	14	John Utbert for Bantam Amoy y^e^ Fort & London.
Tonqueen Merch^t^.	130 :	12	Robert Knox for Bantam Tonqueen Bantam & London.
Amoy Merch^t^. ...	310 :	28	Jn^o^. Nicholson for Bantam Amoy Gombroone y^e^ ffort & London.
Dragon	180 :	18	Anto: ffenne, for Mocha Gombroone, Bossora Gombroone, Surrat & London.

Two of which as you will See are to end their voyages in India at y^r^ Port. viz^t^. y^e^ China Merchant and Amoy Merchant, y^e^ China Merchant we hope may be with you in December or beginning of January 1682: time enough to return Loaden from you, with our Europe Shipps that yeare, for whose present dispatch you must take care to be provided.

Wee shall order all our China goods proper for England to be put aboard her at Amoy which you are to take out, being of great vallue & fine goods and Put on board our great Shipps for y^e^ more Security and fill her up presently with Turmerick petre and any other Gruffe goods, that She may come home in Company with our returned Shipps.

The Amoy Merchant god prospering her may be with you from Persia about 6 months after y^e^ China Merchant which we compute may be much about y^e^ time our Europe Shipps may arrive with you in the yeare 1683, and will be a proper Season for y^e^ bringing of us fresh advises from you, as also for y^e^ bringing of all remainders of goods, that shall be left upon your hands or come to your hands, after y^e^ departure of y^e^ former Europe Shipps, of this we shall write you more largely by our next Shipping this being more then necessary at present, but that we were willing to give you a Short Scheme, of our designments for y^e^ carrying on of our China trade, by freighted Shipps, which method we Intend to pursue in Succeeding yeares.

Wee send you Inclosed a Coppy of our letter to y^e^ Bay y^e^ originall goes by y^e^ way of Surratt.

For y^e^ Sorts of raw Silk we referre you to our former advises.

As we formerly advised you we would have you to Encrease our Investments at Porto novo, or thereabouts or if you should think fitt to Settle a factory there, so as to hinder any [purchaser] from makeing any Investm^ts^ at that place, or at any other place by all wayes & meanes you can wherein spare for no cost either to hire off their men Piscash y^e^ natives or Governors declareing them rebellious and refrectory, to his Majesties Charter, and not within y^e^ protection of our Company, or whatsoever els your Invention or Ingenuity can prompt you to, aliquo modo, to Impead Incommode or frustrate their voyage; we doe not know of any that went out last yeare or are goeing out this, but are apt to think that some may be so foole hardy as to adventure on Such a project though, the Mochaman hath cause already seriously to repent it, this advise we now give you over land, because if any Should bee so rash or Indiscreet to try a new Experiment, y^e^ same or any other InterLopeing way in India, we conceive they will endeavour to be goeing secretly before y^e^ departure of our Coast Shipps, & therefore you have this early Intimation by this expresse hopeing your discretion & care for our Service will prompt you to more certaine methods of doeing their businesse as we would have it done, then we can at this distance prescribe to you.

If you shall find any of our Servants or other Englishmen openly or Secretly abetting or conniveing at Such their designes we would have you Immediately turn them out of our Imploym^t^ and Send them for England and we shall beare you out in what you Shall doe pursuant to this or any former order.

Wee have not els to add but commending you & our affaires to the guidance & protection of y^e^ Almighty we remaine

Your Loveing ffreinds

BERKELY.

JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
JN^O^. MORDEN.

JN^O^. CUDWORTH.
JN^O^. CLERKE.

JOS^A^. CHILD GOV^R^.
THO: PAPILLON DEP^T^.
JOSEPH: ASHE.
JOHN MOORE.
RICH: HUTCHINSON.
JAMES WARD.
JOHN DUBOIS.
CHRIS: BOONE.
EDWA: RUDGE.
JOSEPH HERN.
[ATH: LETTEN.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

LONDON THE 18^TH^ OF NOVEMBE^R^: 1681.

ye lre: from ye Fort recd by the Sampson.

1. By the Sampson, which is the only Shipp wee have yet from y^e^ Fort Wee received out [*sic*] late Agent Master & Councills letters of the 13^th^ of Septemb^r^ & 20 of Decemb^r^: in which he followes his old straine of errors pride and offence, which Wee shall not further endeavor to confute or convince him of but leave him now at his greater leasure, freed from y^e^ temptation and incumbrance of that greatness & immensitie of gaine, w^ch^ our bounty had confered upon him, to recollect himselfe & consider whether he did well or wisely for himselfe, or honestly by us.

Mr. Jno Bridger unfaithfull.

2. Wee have seldome observed such ꝑemptoriness in Servants, but at length wee finde it accompanied with infidelity, as lately in M^r^. John Bridger, whome Wee have discovered to hold corrispondency with the late Interloper Alley & also to send over great quantities of Diamonds, Pearles &c^a^, in the Shipp Sampson, unregistred, contrary not only to his trust but y^e^ Oath he took of a freeman, before his going to India, and therefore we do hereby require you upon first Sight of this our order forthwith to Seize all his bookes papers money and effects that you can meet with in India and send him and all his bookes and papers home to us, (leaving him Copies of them) by this years Shipping, and to dispose of his money and effects in the Country to his best advantage, but bring the proceed of them into our Cash, w^ch^: shal be duely accompted, [to bring] upon cleering of his Acco^t^: with us here.

all his bookes papers &ca to be seized upon he to be sent home with them.

3. Wee do likewise enjoyn you (all excuses set apart) to send home by this yeares Shipping M^r^: Streynsham Master, M^r^: Natt^ll^ Cholmley and M^r^: William Jerzey, except he do forthwith clear his Acco^t^. with us, and pay y^e^ Ballance into our Cash there, upon which you may lett him continue longer & give him a generall release under our seale, & take the like discharge from him to the Company, in order whereunto take such light from the Papers formerly sent over for that purpose, and otherwise, as you can by Persons living y^t^ understand those transaccions.

the improvement of ye revenues by ye late Ag^t^ not soe much as he Intimates. more effectuall means recomended to ye new Agent &ca.

4. Wee have great intimations from our [Late Agent of his] improvement of our Towne Revenues but considering our great expences before the late troubles, we find little difference on the Ballance, more than what ariseth from the naturall encrease of our people in that Towne the encrease of trade in the Place, and coynage of our Gold w^ch^: Latter is onely an imaginary profitt: We hope you will find out more effectuall meanes to advance our said Revenue and particularly we enjoyne y^u^ to pass no more Leases under our Seal to any Persons for a longer time than 99 yeares that of 999 lately granted, is unreasonable.

concerning writing and packing the Cloth.

5. For sorting and packing of our Cloth, we referr you to w^t^: we wrote in our Last years Letters, and the former, w^ch^: we would have you Peruse diligently and conform yo^r^: Selves thereunto accordingly, remembring alwaies that y^e^ holding of our Merchants strictly to their Musters & well sorting, is a matter of immense concernment to us, and wherein we have been exceedingly abused of late years.

leave for to build warehouses.

6. For warehouse roome, if you really want, build what are sufficient & of dureable materialls: but see that our Warehouses have no goods put into them of your

owne or others, but onely such as do properly belong unto the Compª· & see that like rules be kept in all Subordinate Factories to your Agency But ostentatious & all unnecessary buildings not of absolute necessity we do utterly dislike & forbid in all Places.

7. You will see what wee have writt in former yeares, concerning yoʳ· being provided constantly wᵗʰ· Petre & Turmerick, as also in oʳ: Letters overland take care never to faile us in that Respect.

reference to former Lres concerning turmerick &ca.

8. We do yet require all English to live at the Fort, that we permit to stay & Trade there, but every man, that you judge hath had, or may have any Correspondency with Interlopers, We require you to send home without favour or affection and for those that stay with yoʳ: leave & not in our Service, compell them to pay two ℔ Cent at least towards the Compª: former and latter Charge of procuring Phyrmaunds and priviledges and giving them protection except they live at our [town ?] of Madras that old scare crow of their runing under the Moores Governors, if they may not trade licentiously at their owne pleasure wᵗʰ· out contributing to the Compª· vast expence Wee Looke upon as an idle suggestion, used onely to serve Private ends well knowing the difference between living under the Moores governmᵗ and ours, is as wide as that between Slaves and ffreemen.

Freemen yt live at ye Fort to pay 2 ℔ Cent towards defraying ye Compa. Charge.

9. Our late Agents giving comissions to the Officers of our Garrison, wee looke upon as a vaine Ostentatious thing and to no good purpose we do therefore hereby revoke and annull all Comissions given them before receipt of this letter, and order expresly that no Comission be given any officer in our Garrison of Fort Sᵗ. George, or at least that new ones be given them under the hands of all or four at least of our Councell there, our Agent for the time being to be one, and that no other Comission given formerly, or to be given to any Officer in oʳ· Garrison shall be of any force or validity.

Comissions given to the officers not aprov'd of.

10. We would have you keep the Gold Chaine intended Verona untill our further order to dispose thereof.

11. Wee would have you diligently to peruse all our letters writt yᵉ last three yeares, and all our printed rules, and take effectuall care that they be not onely published, but duly & punctually observed in all our ffactories.

all orders & printed rules to be published & observed.

12. The unworthy Slight offered to his Maᵗⁱᵉˢ· & Councells orders touching yᵉ Intʳ· Lopʳ· Alley by the late Agent & Councill & all others that neglected their duty therein is so unpardonable an offence, that as we have dismissed Mʳ· Bridger & Mʳ· Vincent on that accompt among others, So we are resolved no man shall abide in our Service, that was directly, or indirectly of any connivance therein; To wᶜʰ purpose we desire you by secret informations upon yᵉ Oathes of credible persons & by all other meanes to gaine wᵗ· evidence you can touching that affair (without formall mimick pedantique trialls such as were in the case of Mʳ: Mohun and Mʳ· Mainwareing formerly) & whoever you find any way to have been guilty of connivance correspondence aid, privity or consent wᵗʰ: any Interloper, discharg them our Service & send them home forthwith without fail favour or frindship, concerning which we shall write you more largely in some after clauses of this Letter.

all effectuall meanes to be used to find out any yt had any dealings wth Interlop Alley.

13. We observe by the list sent us home what goods we had in oʳ: Godown of all sorts undisposed of such a list we would have you not faile of sending us every yeare. And that you do not let any of ours lye unsold, whilst any of the same kind are sold or forced upon our Merchats there, wᶜʰ: we have to much cause to suspect hath been too often practiced For prevention whereof for future Wee desire you every year upon contracting wᵗʰ: our Merchants to oblige them to clear our Warehouses of all goods we have Unsold at certain prices & terms of paymant & delivery wᵗʰ: our money such as in yoʳ discrecoons yᵘ· shall judge for our advantage & not intollerable to them By wᶜʰ· you will do us a reall [*sic*] judge for our advantage by rendring all our Stock, quick, active & usefull to us, wᶜʰ: otherwise would lye dead till our servants & other mens turnes are served, who in equity as well as good manners ought to give no leave to go before them and if this be not duely & faithfully done, we shal be forced at length against our wills to revoke that boundless liberty we have given of an universall trade in India.

y. manner of disposing to ye Mercts: wt remains shall be in ye Godowns.

a joynt stock of 100 shares approved of.

14. The way of making a joynt Stock of 100 Merchants, we like very well and desire it may be continued, as also that you never deal with any that are ffarmers of the Kings Townes or Revenues.

Orders for the setling at Porto Novo.

15. We formerly recomended it to our Agent & Councel to settle a Factory at Porto Nova which since the last Mutiny at the Fort Seemes to be more necessary as well as by reason of the late Interlopers nesting there so we hope before this, you have effected that busines if not we would have it done by the first convenient opportunity, or else in some other port of the Chengy Country, but we think Porto Nova may be best however we shall leave that to your choyce, because you may probably being nearer see what is most expedient for our Service then we can at such a distance but if good Investments can be made there We think the forwardest of our Ships from the fort, may in her passage home fill up there without any loss of time in her way home.

Dutton & Oneale not to be entertain'd.

16. We are not willing to entertaine Dutton or Oneale or any other in our Service as Factors or Writers, but such as have first taken y^e^ Oath of a ffreeman in our Court here.

Indigo to be returned.

17. The five Barrells of Lahore Indcoe now by you, you may returne to us.

all remarkable occurences in India to be sent to ye Compa.

18. We observe what you write us of the proceedings of the Dutch & French and would have you continue to advise us of all remarkable occurrences.

19. Thus farr we have writt upon perusall of our late Agent & Councels lre w^ch^: we do not call answering, for indeed the most part of their letter by the Sampson is like their formers, insolent & unreasonable Cavilations w^ch^: deserve no otherwise to be answered than by contempt, We shall now proceed to new matter.

A positive order yt none load goods reserved toye joynt stock upon any ships for Europe.

20. Observe alwaies for a standing rule, not upon any pretence or occasion whatsoever, to direct or give permission to any person, to load any kind of goods reserved to the joynt Stock, upon any of our Shipping for Europe because in such cases the Masters pretend they are discharged of their Covenants in Charterparty, because what they did was by order of o^r^: Agent and Councel, as was last year alleadged in the case of M^r^ Reads goods so that we were necessitated to loose the greatest part of our stated damages or else put it to the Agents acco^t^ w^ch^: we hint to you for caution onely to prevent the like Error or damage to yo^r^:selves by unwariness for time to come.

no lre nor Invoice from the Bay reed by ye Sampson.

21. We find our Acco^ts^: from Fort S^t^ George this year delayed, upon pretence that they could not make up their bookes for want of bookes from the Bay from w^ch^: place likewise we have neither letter nor Invoice by y^e^ Sampson now arrived, nor had either by our Shipping last year, nor indeed any thing done to our Satisfaction for many yeares, besides y^t^ unpardonable offence of giving countenance to, or conniveing at y^e^ late Interloper Crisp; Upon which we have ordered M^r^ Vincents person to be secured & forthwith put on board this Ship the Defence Cap^t^ W^m^: Heath Commander as also all his bookes papers, money & effects in India and we have discharged his Second M^r^ Littleton our Service, and ordered him to be sent home by this yeares Shipping but have left to him (being not in our Judgments so great an Offender) the liberty of his Persone, bookes effects &c^a^.

M^r^ Vincent to be secured & Mr. Littleton to be sent home.

W m Hedges Esq^r^ graced wth Agent & Gover^r^ of the Bay dispatched early in the Defence with souldiers to subdue interlopers.

22. Upon all the foregoing considerations, and a resolution we have taken by all meanes within our Charter to assert our Right, & Subdue all Interlopers their furtherers, Aiders or abettors, We have dispatched this Shipp the Defence early with a Corporall & some Soldiers to be a Guard & assistance to William Hedges Esq^r^. one of our present Comittee here, whom for this extraordinary occasion and in confidence of the many promises he hath made us and y^e^ Great assurances wee have had from his Relacons, being also of our Comittee. Wee have graced with the Title of Agent & Governo^r^ of all our affaires and Factories in the Bay of Bengall, independent upon our Agency of Fort S^t^ George, or any other of our Agencyes, otherwise than as is hereafter menconed in this letter or as we shall in time to come direct.

23. We are in hopes the said Mr. Hedges is of a more stay'd, grave and moderate mind, than to make a vaine Ostentatious use of the Title wee have conferred upon him, to our damage & the increase of our charge, as some others have done, no less ridiculously in the Judgment of serious persons, then weakly wth respect to our Interest & their owne. Hopes that Mr Hedges will behave himselfe gravely & wth moderation.

24. Things being thus Setled (pro tempore) in the Bay you are not to give further directions touching our Concernes there than to advise or Agent and Councel at Hughly what goods you have, or may have to load upon our Coast Shipps from time to time, & what you would have them load either for Europe, or for our Accots: to remaine at the ffort which Orders or Intimations from you We shall require our Agent & Councel at Hugbly to observe. noe directive correspondency to be had wth the Bay, only occassionall advices.

25. Wee have ordered our Agent & Councell in ye Bay, to load on the Shipp Defence what goods they shall have remaining in the Bay or can further provide for her, and to dispatch her from thence by the 20th: of August or sooner if they can, and that she shall then sail for Madapollam, & take in what goods shalbe in readines there and that as soon as she arrives there, they do dispatch away a Patamar unto our Chief at Metchlepatam to advise him to get all such goods already provided, to be loaden in boates at the Bancksale that so at Sight of the Shipps arrival in ye Road, they may be put on board wth: out any further delay or stay of the Ship there from thence she is to saile to ye Fort where you are to fill her up with the best goods you can Shipping likewise upon her a quarter part of our Diamonds, and if you shall before she arrives with you have setled a Factory at Porta Nova or any other place in the Chingy Country Let her stop there in her way homewards and take in all the Cloth that can be provided there, and so proced for England, that we may have her an early Shipp home to wch: purpose give all necessary orders to Metchlepatam and Madapollam forthwith, and all to Porta Nova that she may have a quick dispatch (wch: is the life of all Business) at every place. Concerning ye disposing of ye Defence & what goods to be laden on her.

26. Besides this Shipp the Defence, wch: we compute to carry at least 650 ton[s] we shall send for the Coast & Bay this year the Resolution aforesaid 650 the Williason 600ts: Nathaniel 600 Tons Lancaster 550ts: wch: is 3050ts: but you may conclude they will take in 3100 Tons in all and govern our affaires & your advises to the Bay and all places accordingly; observing this Rule therein likewise vizt the less Petre they bring home the better So their ships be stiff enough to sayle, because we are plentifully stored with that Comodity already: but whatever you load, be sure to order yor: Business so, that none of them return with any dead ffreight. ships sent to ye Coast & Bay this year. none to return wth dead freight.

27. One of the aforesaid Shipps ye Resolution Capt: Wilshaw wee have appointed to stay in the Bay and load intirely there without returning up to Metchlepatam or the Fort, but to sayle directly from the Bay for England by the twentith day of January at furthest to bring with her all the lagg goods that come down from our several subordinate Factories upon the River Ganges. the Resolution to stay in ye Bay to be dispatched from thence.

28. By the foregoing Paragraph you will see we designe the first of our new shipps the Defence to come from the ffort and Porta Nova alone before any of the rest, the second of our new ships the Resolution to come home directly, from the Bay after the other three are dispatched from ye Bay back to Metchlepatam & your place so that our Diaimonds little more or less you are to divide equally on board four ships, but the least parcel one ye Lancaster because we looke upon her as the weakest of all our five ships aforesaid. the Diamonds to be equally divided & loaden 4 Ships.

29. Wee have ordered our Agent for the Bay after he hath setled our affaires there to send the Corporall and soldiers that go upon the Defence up to the Fort by the said shipp Defence or some other at his discretion to be there employed by you for the strengthening of our Garrison. the Corporall & souldiers sent to ye Bay after setlement to sent to ye fort.

30. Wee have found such fatal evil consequences of allowing the carrying of goods upon our Ships to and from Metchlepatam and the Bay that we did the last year wholly forbid all such Doings for the future, and now we have covenanted with our Comanders in Charterparty to pay us 40 £ ton for any goods they shall so carry hereafter. The Comanders to forfeit £ 40 for any private goods, they shall carry to ye Bay or Metchlepatam.

Stocks sent out by ye Compa this yeare.

31. Wee intended to send you this year a stock of £60,000 for Diamonds £130000 for the Fort & Porta Nova £90000 for Metchlepatam Madapollam &c[a] and to the Bay £250,000 distributed and apporcon̄ed as you will understand more Perticularly by the Invoices & bills of Loading sent you by our Shipping.

ye Compa injoyn the trade of Diamonds to be brought back to Madras.

32. But we must enjoyn you to bring the trade of Diamonds back againe to our Towne of Madrass, haveing [learnt ?] by to Dear bought experience that it was carried from thence for evil ends and no good of ours.

how to dispose of ye Diamonds stock if the Diamonds Merchants should impose.

33. In order whereunto, if you find the Diamond traders designing upon you, you may prevent and confound them, by turning our Diamond stock aforesaid into other profitable Investments for our advantage by encreasing our Cargoes homewards in Callicoes or other goods, that you shall conceive may turne us best to acco[t]: w[ch]: must leave to your discretion or that upon advice from our Agent and Councel in the Bay, they shall have there invested all our Stock, and in want of more to carry on our Silk Investment We do order you then, if you have any safe conveyance by any Shipp or Vessell of our owne, or others in your road, to send down unto them what you shall have left uninvested of our intended diamond money, as we did also enorder you the like the last year.

the Pettipole Merchts; to e considered of.

34. You will see in our former Letters what we wrote the Late Agent Mas[tr]: concerning his turning away the Petteplee Merchants to our great damage as we apprehend, consider well of that Busines, and give such Orders therein to Metchlepatam or Madapollam as you shall find for our Advantage.

ye manifacture of Cloth to be consider'd of.

35. You will finde the quantity of cloth now sent out, much larger than formerly w[ch]: we do, to improve the Staple trade of England, as well as to secure our owne station, it being a most acceptable thing to all English Gentlemen to see us encrease our exportacon̄ of that comodity. It wilbe your parts so to putt it of, that it may not lye a dead stock upon our hands & you may press it upon your native Merchants, as a duty incumbent upon them for we think y[e] sending of so much of that comodity supports us and in consequence them & yo[r]: selves, it's as good and well sorted, as any ever went out of England.

if ye Pettipole Mercht. might provide part of ye investmt. aprovability of their takeing of goods of Europe.

36. It is not unlikely but that if the Pettepolee Merchants might be ℔mitted to provide a part of our Investments, they might be induced to take of the greatest part of our Cloth now sent out, and by consequence y[e] ould Madapollam and Metchlepatam Merchants may be compelled to take off all the rest.

37. To ease your stores of Copper, when you may happen to be overburdened therewith, but not otherwise We have agreed with each of our Coast ships to bring 20[ts]: thereof for Kintlage at the rate of £ 6 s. 13 d. 4 ℔ Ton Cap[t]: Wilshaws proportion whereof you must put on board him befor he goes downe to the Bay because he is not to returne any more to you this Voyage as aforesaid.

if Copper cannot be disposed of ts. then 20 to be laden on each ship.

38. And as we gave you directions y[e] Last yeare for the particular dispatching of our shipps for England both from y[e] Bay and the Fort, that they may not be so shameful and negligently detarded as they have been these two last yeares, to the endangering of their Passage the former and looseing of three of our Ships passage this year We do therefore enorder you to take care of their severall dispatches according to these our Directions.

Concerning the disposing of ye Companys Shipping this year.

39. The ship Defence you will see by what we have writt before that We have directly enordered her to sail into the Bay, and be timely Dispatched from thence in August to you and so for England the shipp Resolution Cap[t] Willshaw we intend if possible, to send along with y[e] Defence directly to your Port that so She may be an early Shipp with you to supply both you and the other factories in your Agency with stock to begin our Investment w[ch]: shipp we do intend shalbe the last Shipp that comes out of the Bay to take in y[e] remaines of what goods shall come late downe the Ganges for the other three Shipps we intend to dispatch them, assone

as with conveniency we can and upon their arrivall with you are to dispatch two of them down into the Bay touching at Metchlepatam if Occasion be, and the latter Shipp of the three you are not to keep with you any longer than to carry downe such coyned Pag^{ds}: as you shall send to Metchlepatam, and shalbe ready coyned in such time as may in y^{e} least endamage the last of our ships going downe into the Bay and for the other three shipps we have enordered our Agent & Councell in the Bay that they do first of all dispatch the shipp Nathaniell directly unto you at the fort on or before the 10th: of December with what goods they shall have then in readines and that they do next of all dispatch the ship Lancaster from y^{e} Bay on or before the 20th: of December, enordering her to touch at Madapollam & Metchlepatam to take in what goods they have their [*sic*] in readines and so proceed for the ffort, and y^{t} y^{e} Williamson be the last shipp which they do dispatch to you on or before the 30th of Dece^{r} touching at Madapollam & Metchlepatam to take in what may be further provided and so to proceed to you at y^{e} Fort and for what they shall load of gross goods, either of saltpetre Turmerick Cotton Yarne or Cowries at the Bay to be unloaden at the fort We do enorder them at the Bay to load as much as they can on the Nathaniel that so you at the Fort may the more time to unload them and to reload her with w^{t}: goods you shall have provided for England And because We account the Nathaniel to be the worst sayler in our ffleete, We do enorder you that after the full reloading her, that you do dispatch her for England enordering her to stay at S^{t}. Helena 20 daies (in case she arrive there before, for the other following Ships or so many of them that shall arrive in due time & that as soon as possibly may be that you dispatch the Lancoster & Williamson after her enordering them also to stay S^{t}: Helena 20 Dayes, in case y^{e} Resolution be not arrived at S^{t}: Helena when they come there for the shipp Resolution we have enordered our Agent & Councel in y^{e} Bay that she be the last shipp dispatch^{d} that year from thence, and that in case there shalbe occasion by reason of goods coming late downe the Gange [*sic*] from the other Factories that that [*sic*] may detain her in Ballasore road untill the 20th: of January no longer, and that they y^{n}: or before fully compleat her loading and dispatch her for England directly form [*sic*] y^{e} Bay without touching at the ffort or any wheralse till she comes to S^{t}: Helena.

to make a computation of tonnage both at y^{e} fort Metchlepatam Madapollam & to send the same to the Bay.

40. Having seriously considered what we have before written We would have you to make a computacon of what goods, as to quantity of Tonnage you will [be?] able to provide at the ffort, by the returne of our ships from the Bay and to give the like order both to Metchlepatam & the Factories adjacent that to both you and they may give full advices thereof unto our Agent &c^{a}: in the Bay, and also that y^{u} send to them an acco^{t}: of what goods you have remaining either in Saltpetre Turmerick or any other sorts of goods and the amount of the Tonnage thereof, that they may thereby be fully informed what quantity of Tonnage remaines to be provided by them in the Bay, so as fully to reload our ships for England in due time it being our desire that our ships should be rather sooner dispatched from the Bay, though it be with gross goods to compleat their tonnage then to loose their passage that year for England whereby we should be put to a great loss in demorage and loose the sale of those goods in England that may arrive with them that year.

If Mr Davis & Cullen come to India to be secured.

41. Wee are advised that one M^{r}: Davis formerly a Linnen Draper in London and one M^{r}: Valentine Cullen who formerly was in India are gone overland to India if either of the said persons or any other so gon out designeedly to our prejudice shall come within your juridiction or into our Agency of Bengala We do enorder both you and them by all the waies you can to secure their persons and imediately to send them on board any of our ships for England not suffering them to come one [*sic*] shore again untill their Arrival in England.

the making Metchlepatam Madapollam & Pettipole Merchant 3 severall joynt stocks much advantage to y^{e} Compa.

42. If you can reduce the Merchants at Metchlepatam Madapollam and Pettepolee into 3 severall joynt Stocks one of them of Metchlepatam one of Madapollam & one of Petteplee [*sic*] in each joynt stock to be about 100 Merchants, as you shall thinke fit after the manner of the Dutch and as was this year proposed to us by Agent Master and Councel we think it might be greatly for our service in several respets [*sic*] 1st. It would [increase?] our active stock with out the burden of Interest 2^{dly}. Infallibly prevent bad debts 3^{dly}: secure our full Investments 4^{thly}: should [*sic*] the Natives alwaies to the goodnes of our Musters 5^{thly}: Put of great quantities of English cloth

6thly: Cleer our stores of Copper Tutenage and all Europe goods once in every year Which being matters of such vast concernement to us we recomend to your Care & Wisdome to procure and settle in all our ffactories now or hereafter to be erected under your Agency.

the compa orders concerning seizing the Interlopers, &c.

43. Touching Interlopers or any English Ships or Men you shall suspect for such in India, We give you these positive orders in plaine words which we require you to observe & do; for wch: we shall fully clearly and absolutely acquit and indemnify you in all times and places and against all persons whatsoever.

(1) Seize the persons of all English you shall find concerned with any of them and keep and send them home by the first ships for England whatever it cost us, to surprize them by force or otherwise 2ndly: Seize or other wise secure, as you can most conveniently and effectually all their Books Papers monies & effects whatsoever and bring the same to our Credit upon a particular Accot: for that purpose 3dly: Comand any of the Comanders of our ships to seize their ships in any Parts of India and sell and dispose them to our Credit in Accot: as aforesaid.

(4) To prevent Bloodshed beforehand promise all the Officers & seamen (except the Comander & Purser) aboard any interlopeing shipp or other English shipp in India (that hath not a Pass or Permission from us) there full pay due to that time all their owne Goods and double wages in our Service, in case they will quietly resigne the shipp and Merchants goods on board to his Maties: and the Companies use.

(5) If any English that shall have to do with interloping ships fly to the Moores or other Governors: send letters & Presents after them requireing them to be delivered to you to be sent to England according to his Maties: Charter & this our Order.

(6) Let no English Man in India trade to any place under our Priviledges and protection, except (besides compounding with you for a part of our charge as aforesaid, they do give you security to have nothing to do, directly or Indirectly in favoring, abetting or assisting any Interloping English Shipp or Merchant.

(7) Send Copies of these Instructions, and of all others we have or shall give you touching these matters of Interlopers or other English that trade in India without our permission, to all Factories under yor Agency And if you find any of our Factors or servants slack or remiss in the promoting or executing these our Orders turn them out of service and send them for England by the first Shipps.

(8) If you can invent or contrive any other waies or meanes not now enumerated to you by us to enervate frustrate or destroy the Voyages of any English trading in India as Interlopers or without our Agents, Chiefs and Councels permission, saving ye Persons lives or limbs wch shalbe concerned therein, We require & impower you hereby to doe it, wherein & for wch: we shall justify you in all times & places being resolved, that while the management rests in our hands we will not suffer his Maties: Charter to be Villified or affronted by any persons whatsover.

Mr Littleton to be 6th: of Councell & if yet there should be a vacancy left to ye Agent &ca discretion to fill it up.

44. Having now removed Mr: Bridger and Mr: Hinmers being dead we have thought fitt to constitute Mr: John Littleton Son of the Honoble: Sr Thoms Littleton decd who was alwaies a Constant friend to this Compa: to be 6th: of Councel at Fort St: George he hath served the Deputy Govern: as an Appntice 7 yeares if by reason of Death or otherwise you yet should want one of the number of six We leave to our Agent and Councel to fill your Number to six, with such a person or persons as in yor: Judgements and Consciences you shall think best for our service, haveing therein regard to the right of seniority where you shall not suspect some just cause to the Contrary, whereof hereby we make you Judges resolving not to tye ourselves to formes any further then they serve for our security espetially in such tymes as these wherein our Charter hath been so shamefully invaded if not by the consent and contrivance at least by the conivance of our owne servants that eat our Bread.

Mr Mohun's effects to be seized in India.

45. Seize upon any effects you can find of Mr: Mohums [*sic*] in India & discharge them not till he have paid us the Ballance of his acco[t] sent out last year being

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or not untill he do come to England where we may make him conformable to the law of England.

46. We do with this as accustomary send you a list of all such goods as wee would have provided for us in all places within yo^r^ Agency against the year ensueing for what is to be provided for us against the said year following in all our ffactories in the Bay We send to our Agent [and ?] Councel there. A list of such goods as required sent.

47. Forget not to send us by every yeares shipping an exact acco^t^ or Inventory of all our household goods Bedding plate Linnen Palenken Horses and every thing whatsoever belonging to us in every Factory under yo^r^: Agency with a true estimate of their particular value that we may be able every year to compute our Capitall Estate in Europe & India & give timely notice to all subordinate ffactories to send you Inventories accordingly. A list of all house hold goods &c^a^ to be sent to England.

48. In yo^r^: grall lre you mention severall Particulars as to the over weight of Gold & the Disposal of yo^r^ Ryalls of 8s But you have omitted to give us answer to severall particulars to w^ch^ required yo^r^ answer in o^r^ former lres We herewith send you a Copy of the Com^tee^: of our treasuryes observacon there on To w^ch^ & to what else required of you by our former letters we expect yo^r^ particular Answer. the Compa expect an answer to y^e^ treasurers observations.

49. You are to take notice, that as we have now sent on this yeares Shipping 20 Soldjers to accompany our Agent into y^e^ Bay & after the dispatch of o^r^: affaires there to be sent up to you at the ffort, among w^ch^ we have entertained one [*lacuna in the original*] [whom?] we have given liberty to our Agent to keep at Hughley to be employed by him as Cook in o^r^ Factory of Hughly and that if he shall se [*sic*] occasion for our service to be employed in navigating of our sloops to & fro the Ganges that he may then also retaine one half of them and to send the rest up to you at the Fort with the Corparall. If there is occasion for persons to navigate in y^e^ sloops then ½ ye souldiers to stay in Bengall & y^e^ other to come to y^e^ fort.

50. We must again require you according to severall of o^r^: former orders to take care that all our long cloth white both course & fyne be made both broader & thicker and that all y^e^ Blew Longcloth be dyed out of the thickest of the browne cloth: Nor are yo^r^ Blews this year sent out so good Colours as formerly sent they must be fully dried and clean from Dirt and before you beat them upp. Orders concerning Course fine & blue Long Cloth.

51. The white strip'd & Neckclothes rec^d^ this year are much worse than what formerly sent from you We have often required you and do now again that you keep them all up to their full fyneness and goodnes to y^e^ Beteelees N^o^ 25 and 26 and that half of what you send of them be of 2 Coveds and ½ long and the other half of them to be of 3 Coveds long and 16 neckclothes in a piece equall to the length of yo^r^ 50 Coveds Betteelees. Neckcloths to be kept up to ye fineneese of Bettelas N^o^ 25:26.

52. Nor are yo^r^ Beteelees either N^o^ 25. 26. 28. or 29 so good as formerly sent.

53. For what ordinary Long cloth came this year from Metchlepatam they were much short of what they ought to be being not much more than 33 or 34 yards long and many of them full of holes We have rec^d^ no Cotton Romalls from Metchlepatam this year: but if y^u^: can procure them according to our former directions not to exceed one Pago^de^: the whole piece then send us the full quantity of 20000 Pieces. Long cloth from Metchp^m^: very short.

54. Upon perusall of the List of goods we wrote for last year we find the tonnage thereof amount to no less than 38 hundred tons, which and other considerations hath induced us to add another 3 Deck Shipp to our Coast Fleete now bound out viz^t^ the Johanna so that you will have in all six Three deck Ships from us this year, besides the 2 Small vessells that will come from Amoy the one to the Fort the other to the Bay that w^ch^ hath the more obliged us to send you so great a Quantity of tonnage this year is the certaine news w^ch^ not onely some of ourselves but his Ma^ties^: Secretary of State have had from Holland viz^t^ that the Dutch are Setting out for the East Indies 20 Ships and that they are unanimously resolved to follow the Course of the English hereafter in their trades upon the Coast of Cormandell and the Bay of Bengal, by having their Ships depart from those parts directly back for Europe and not to carry the Comodities of those parts to Batavia as formerly they have done and reship them there for Europe. the Dutch intention of dispatching their ships from y^e^ places they are laden at ye reason only ye Compa send soe much tonnage this year.

55. And in regard that possibly some Privateers (notwithstanding all our Diligence & the Kings excessive Indulgence to us) may possibly escape out of this River, tho we do strongly incline to believe that none wilbe able to do it, yet for

Order to settle a factory at Porto Novo & if interlopers should come there 5 or 6 files of musqueteirs to be sent to y^e^ Fort.

prevention of them, in case of the worst that can happen as well as for the enlargement of o^r^ Investments w^ch^ we are (y^u^: may see) resolved to advance to the utmost. We require you to settle a Factory at Porto Nova as we have ordered in the former part of this letter and if you shall hear or suspect any cause for it, we would have you send over 5 or 6 files of Musqueteers with a trusty Officer or two to put his Ma^ties^: and our Orders, relating to Interlopers into effectuall execution, there goes over by the Defence with Agent Hedges 40 English Soldiers with a Corporall whose name is M^r^ Moore, he is Characterized to us for a stout conscientious Man, and a good Soldier is borne of a Hono^ble^ ffamily in Scotland, hath taken the oath of a ffreeman as all the Soldiers Shall before their departure, he deserves a better employm^t^: if we had it for him but we have promised to recomend him to you for preferment w^ch^: we would have you make good the first Opportunity you have, without Injury or Injustice to others that have well deserved of Us.

If y^e^ stock fall short 20: £ or 30000 to be taken up at interest.

56. If by reason of the large Investments we have writt for and do expect from you stock should fall short as we hope it will not Wee upon this extraordinary Occasion give you liberty to take up to the value of 20000 pounds or 30,000 £ at Interest upon as Moderate terms as you can possibly procure it wherein you will have an opportunity to shew yo^r^ dexterity and care for our Interest, it being our Resolution in this way of trading fully and largely as well as by the other waies of Authority power fforce and Contrivance to subdue all Competitors with us in our trade.

Concerning y^e^ Interlopers Pitts & Crisp their arrivall in England & the manner of y^e^ proceedings against them.

57. You will hear from many hands the accidents that have happened unto the Interlopers Crisp and Pitts, both in that shipp w^ch^ loaded at Hughly; about 3 moneths past We heard of her arrival at Falmouth Pitts and others of the concerned came up to London and made application to his Ma^ty^: & Councel to be admitted, but still kept their ship out of comand at Falm^o^: & Torbay after all their solicitations and profers were rejected they sailed to the River of Elve going upp to hambrough knowing as we suppose that in ffrance or Holland where there East India Comp^as^: they should have been confiscated; they rid in the River of Elve upon their guard for many weekes but being not admitted there to enter & Land their goods they were forced at last to a bold adventure of coming back again into the River of Thames where below the Blockhouses One of the Kings officers met her and made a seizure both of shipp & goods for the King, when she came about the Blockhouses another officer met her & seized her a second time But at the Proprietors request the Custome of the goods or a deposit of money in lieu thereof was accepted on condition the goods should be landed and put into the Possession of his Ma^ties^: Officers, But they not likeing the place or the Restraint come with a Replevin from the Sheriffs of London and violently with great numbers of Men removed the goods into the Sheriffs possession, where they now are and upon the first day of the term they moved for a writt of Delivery. The Kings Councel alleadged the Illegality of the Replevin and aggravated the danger & hazard that the Kings peace was putt into by so notorious a Riott and ordered the Proprietors or the Sheriffs to deliver back all the goods into the Kings Officers possession and when they had done that to apply again to them The King and Councell have in the meane tyme ordered the Attorney Generall to prosecute the shiris [*sic*] Copy of w^ch^ order of Councel you will receive herewith, this Is all that yet hath passed in that matter What shall further happen therein before the Departure of our ships you shalbe advised.

The businesse of the Pettiplee Mercht to be speedily & effectually taken care for.

58. We have already mentioned to you the Imployment of the Pettypoly Merchants who may make a large addition to our Investments and of every good cloth Let that Business be effectually taken care for and fixed before the Dutch Orders come for the management of their trade in the way before recited That you may be sure to be beforehand with them in that particular.

M^r^: Bigrig not to remove from y^e^ fort exept to be Cheife of Metchlepatam.

59. Wee would not have M^r^ Bigrig remove from the ffort to Porto Novo nor any other place Except to be Chief of Metchlepatam if you find him Sufficiently experienced, and think it may be for our service but this we do not order but leave to yo^r^ Discretions.

60. Wee have ordered the severall pieces of Callicoes sent by Mr: Masters to his Relations to be delivered unto them free of stated Damage but haveing been so negligent of his duty to us in reference to the Late Interloper Alley We would have you give him no longer Entertainement in our ffort but send him home as aforesaid. Callicos sent home by Mr: Master delivered to his relations.

61. Wee have likewise ordered our Agent and Councel in the Bay to put no more Petre on board any of our Coast Ships this year than what you are bound to by Charterparty vizt 16 tons to every 100 tons of what tonage each Shipp is lett for so as there with both they and you shall have other goods Sufficient to fully load all our Ships and if any more be put one board, we have directed our said Agent & Councel to consigne the same to you, to lye by you as a Leadger store for all other Occasions and if any Comander shall retaine more on board then his sd: proportion of 16 tons to each 100 tons or pretend his Shipp cannot be kept Sayle worthey with out it or that it is stowed away so that he cañot come at it you are [to ?] declare to such Coñander that he is not to expect for such overplus of his proportion above the freight of Iron Kintlage vizt £ 6—s. 6—d. 8 ℔ Ton. Concerning saltpetre & what quantity therof to be laden on board every ship.

62. We have by a general court held the Second of this instant November Ordered all our Adventurers to pay into our Cashire generall the other Moiety of their Subscribed Stocks vizt 50 ℔ Cent upon the 29 of September next and 50 ℔ Cent more upon ye 29th: September following wch: shall be in the year of our lord 1683: Whereby you may see our Resolution of carrying on our trade is not abated by Opposition but greatly augmented. Adventurers to pay into ye Cashire ye other moyety of their Stocks.

63. Wee have entertained (besides Mr: John Littleton) three other Factors vizt Mr Robert Hedges Mr Slaughter Lee & Mr Henry Mose each of them at ye Salary of £ 20 a year. As also John Tillotson Zouch Troughton Samll Owen and Grimston Luckin Writers at £ 10 ℔ añ each whome you are to dispose of where they may doe us best Service within yor: Agency. ye [names] of the Compa Servts come out this year.

Wee have not els to add but commending you and our affaires to the blessing and protection of the Almightie remaine

Your loveing freinds

Josa: Child Govrr:
John Moore.
Samll: Barnardiston.
Joseph Ashe.
Rt. Hutchinson.
Chris Boone.
John Dubois.
James Ward.
Jno Cudworth.
Will: Sedgwickg.
John Lawrence.
James Edwards.
Jno: Mordont.
Edward Rudge.
Nath Letten.
Joseph Herne.
John Clerke.

P.S.

notwithstanding or: directions in ye 41th Paragraph for sending home Mr Valentine Cullen His father haveing by or Deputy: Govr: made application on his behalfe we have taken security in £ 250 yt he shall act nothing prejudiciall to or affaires dureing his being in India & he is to give his owne bond in £ 500 wch: we herewith send for him to seale therefore we order yt he be ℔mitted to continiue one those termes and for as much as we understand that he is a skillfull Mariner you may employ him one board such of our ships in the Country as you shall thinke fitt.

Mr Moore whome wee entertained as Corprall not proceeding on ye voyage wee have chosen Mr Godfrey Peck in his roome at ye wages of 30s ℔ month & ye names of the soldiers & their pay is in a list herewith sent.

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THE LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE COAST AND BAY VIZ^{T}.

AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

	Pieces.
Long cloth ordinary	70000
Ditto browne	20000
D^{o}. fine N^{o}. 45	10000
D^{o}. ordinary white without stiffening	5000
D^{o}. blew	10000
Sallampores ordinary from number 3 to 10	84000
D^{o}. N^{o}. 18. 19. 20. at the last prices	20000
Parcallaes fine N^{o}. 15. 16. if at y^{e} prices ℔ last y^{rs}. ships	12000
Moorees N^{o}. 4	2000
D^{o}. N^{o}. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12	10000
Neckclothes of 18 in a p^{s}	10000
D^{o}. of 2 yards long	2000
D^{o}. ordinary Striped with redd ... Neck	150000
Beteelees 25 yards long	10000
D^{o}. of 20 yards long	10000

AT METCHLEPATAM.

Long cloth ordinary white such as ℔ Johanna N^{o}. 10 : 11 : 12. 13	30000
D^{o}. fine N^{o}. 2. 3. 4. ℔ D^{o}. Shipp	4000
Sallampores fine	16000
D^{o}. ordinary	16000
Parcallaes fine of Pettipolee	8000
Book Parcallaes	4000
Parcallaes the finest sort 8 yards & full y^{d} broad to be made into Chints, the grounds to be green, Purple red and some white, y^{e} Painting very curious with variety of Colours	2000
Ginghams white	7000
D^{o}. Browne	3000
Izzarees	5000
Orringall Beteelees	15000
Allejaes	12000
Dungares to be all yard wide and thicker	20000
Cotton Romalls 40 or 50 ℔ Cent cheaper or none ...	20000
Sail Cloth if better then y^{e} last 20000 Otherwise but...	10000

Such as Metchlepatam Musters M ℔ Faulcon.

	Pecees.
Sallampores at 27 Pago^{ds}: ℔ Corge	1800
D^{o}. 20	1800
Parcallaes 20	3000
D^{o}. 13	3000
D^{o}. 10¼	3000
Golcondah Beteelees to be very fine thin and clear ...	3000
Cummums	3000
Pegu Sticklack	150 tons.

AT HUGHLEY.

Silk Romalls	7500
Sattins of Dignagur 150 Pinck 150 french yellow 150 sky 150 Crimson	600
Machmood Bainies	1500
Allabannees	300

	Pecees.
Photaes	300
Chercannees fine	600
D° ordinary	900
Elatchaes of each sort	300
Amerees...	300
Penniascoes acc ording to Patterns sent last year ...	1000
Cherlaies, double pieces 10 y$^{ds.}$ long, and 1 yard wide and variety of Colours	3000
Sousaes of severall sorts 10 yards long $1\frac{1}{8}$ wide ...	1000
Striped Mullmulls fine (Doreas) 21 y^{ds} long $1\frac{1}{8}$ yard or ell wide, made at Hughly Santapore & Maulda, some to be striped a little broader, and some a little narrower y^{n} the Pattern sent last year, to be brought to Hughley	...
Atlasses according to samples sent last year for colours and stripes, to be made $8\frac{1}{2}$ y$^{ds.}$ long & full $\frac{1}{2}$ ell wide, y^{e} yard broad & large stripe are not desireable here this being a fit length & breadth also the fuller of silk & stronger, they will turne better to acco^{t}: though they cost some what more to be made at Dignagur, to be brought to Hughly	4000
D° : flowered white of y^{e} same length and breadth ...	500
Silk neck clothes 10 in a peice $\frac{1}{2}$ yard wide	200
Mullmulls with fine needle worke flowers wroght with white flowers, to be about 3 or 4 Inche under and neat, the piece to be $1\frac{1}{8}$ yard wide, at least, or an Ell wide, and 21 yards long	500

At Ballasore.

Ginghams colowred of the finest sort, not to stiff ...	15000	
Silk Romalls	7500	
Nillaes	18000	
Herba Taffaties of cloth colowrs & lively coulours ...	6000	
Sannoes	25000	
Sousaes of severall sorts 10 yards long, 1 yard wide ...	1000	
Tesera or herba Thred or Yarn, part raw, part dyed, of the best sort that Ginghams & Nillaes are made of ...	20 bales.	Since agreed to be 200 bales.
Cotton Yarn not hard Spun or cross reel'd	100	
Sticklack	50	
Cowries	100 Tons.	

At Maulda.

Cossaes	6500
Mullmulls...	5000
Humhums fine	4000
Adathaes of each sort	300
Silk and Cotton Striped Stuff Mundilla of Maulda 18 y^{ds} : long & 1 yard wide to be of variety of Mixtures 100 piec^{s} of each work and colour	1000
Puttaes or birds eye plaine 1 yard broad 10 y^{ds} : long to be provided at Seerpore, to be brought to Maulda.	2000
D° Striped of the same length & breadth Ps. 1500, according to y^{e} Patterns now Sent & the remainder p^{t} broader stripes and part all Striped with lively colored silk severall sorts, whereof some small & some broader stripes In all	3000

	Pecees.
Silk and Cotton Elatchaes, Such as came home on the Sampson, as directed in our letter	5000
Striped Mullmulls fine Doreas 21 y^{ds} long $1\frac{1}{8}$ wide to be striped a little broader & some a little narrower then y^{e} Patterns sent last year	1000
At Dacca.	
Cossaes	6500
Mullmells [*sic*]	5000
Humhums fine	4000
Addathaes (of each sort)...	300
Mullmulls with fine needle worke flowers, wrought w^{th} : white flowers, to be about 3 or 4 Inches asunder & neat, the piece $1\frac{1}{4}$ y^{rd} . wide at least or an ell wide, and 21 yards long	500
Silk Romalls	5000
White Silk	100 bales.
D° : what quantity they can N° 1.	
At Pattana.	
Salt Petre (and what more can be gott)	1000
Turmerick	250 Tons.
At Cassambuzar.	
Taffaties $\frac{1}{2}$ Sad cloth colours, & $\frac{1}{2}$ light colours, of w^{ch} $\frac{1}{3}$ frenh yellows, & 1500 p^{s} changeable colours for Hathineings	47000
Raw Taffaties	2000
Silk Langees 10 yards long $\frac{1}{3}$ part flowred	6000
Arund cloth blew $\frac{1}{8}$ yard broad & 16 long	1000
D° browne of the same length & breadth	3000
Farrandines black	600
Taffaties black	7500
D° : greene	750
D° : Sky	750
Phoolgerees flowred 1 yard wide & 10 y^{ds} : long of severall colours as Reeds [*sic*] greens Purple, Phillamott and skies	3000
Striped Chaine Taffates 10 y^{ds} : long 1 yard broad of severall colours as green, purple, coronation Black Phillamatt, yellow & sky the ground & chaine to be of different colours	3000
Striped Taffaties or Rastaes of 10 y^{rds} : long 1 y^{ard} : broad of severall colours $\frac{1}{2}$ of cloth colours the other light colours, to be drawne plaine, without curling...	6000
Girdles $2\frac{1}{2}$ yards long and $\frac{3}{8}$ wide	500
Taffaties either white or light ash, to be dyed here into blacks to be $\frac{1}{2}$ ell and naile wide, and a little better or if they can be dyed in Blacks there send none but blacks to be double pieces or twenty yards...	3000
Raw Silk head and belly	900
D°. ordinary D. No. 4	600
White silk G.H.I.	360 Bales.
Floretta Yarn	150
Arunde Yarn	10 Tons.
White Silk N° 1 what quantily [*sic*] procureable D° N° 2.3.	100 bales.
Yellow Silk N° 4.5.6 what quantity you con [*sic*].	

As much more raw Silk of the severall sorts and prices that we have before ordered, as you shall receive monies and effects to purchase, or that you shal be able to take up by Exchange, or procure at Interest. In Pursuance of our Directions in our letter.

OUR AGENT & COUNCELL ATT FORT S^{T} : GEORGE. LONDON THIS 30TH OF NOVEMBER 1681.

Wee send you wth this Pacquet 30 of his Ma^{ts}: Proclamations w^{ch} we would have you cause to be proclaimed or published in all our ffactories wth the greatest solemnity you can & for y^{e} future to suffer noe English Pesons [*sic*] ships or Vessels to trade without our passes, nor any Natives y^{t} have usually had our Passes to our own ffactors & servants y^{t} we have given a liberty of trade (so as they use that liberty not to our detriment) & also to Natives you may give our Pases at the accustomary fees, but not to any y^{t} are not Natives or in o^{r}: service without paying for them a Duty to us, as in yo^{r} discretions you can agree not exceeding two ℔C^{t} of y^{e} value of ship & Goods: In which at first we desire not that you should be rigorous, but bring them by degrees to comply with what is reasonable towards o^{r} vast charge of procuring & mainteyning o^{r} Priveleges in India as well as here.

y^{e} Kings Proclamation to be published wth: all Solemnity. all ships & vessells to take Passes.

And to y^{e} intent you may be the fuller empowred to condemn all English Ships & goods that shall be traded in or for, in India contrary to his Ma^{ts}: Charter we have procured an additional Charter impowering us to judge & condemn in India & A copie of which Charter you shall have here with if we can get it Pass y^{e} Seals time enough to go by this Ship Otherwise you shall have it by our Coast Ships y^{t} are to sail after cristmess. We shall likewise endeavor to procure some blank Comissions for the Comand^{rs}: of our Small Vessells from his Ma^{ty}: of the tenor of those granted to Cap^{t} Heath & Cap^{t} Willshaw.

& additionall Charter to judge and Condem [*sic*] ships & goods promised to be sent.

We hear of noe Privateer yet set out from hence but onely y^{e} Head frigot which being got as farr as y^{e} Downs y^{e} own^{rs}: & freighters have since y^{e} coming forth of his Ma^{tys}. Said Proclamation sold us y^{e} whole ship & goods and we have put in one M^{r} Thomas Raynes to be Comander of her & ordered her to sail with the Defence & to Remayn in y^{e} Country for o^{r} service there And if she saile well may be employed to Seize any small vessels y^{t} sail without our Passes for bigger Privateers you must employ o^{r} Europe ships & if any of them refuse to obey therein y^{e} Kings Comission Proclamation & our Order protest against them and load noe goods on borad [*sic*] them homeward for our acc^{t} if you can by other ships send us home all our fine goods which we alwaies doe most desire.

the Head frigot an interlopr upon his Matis Proclamation sold to ye Company.

(We are thus resolved & positive in our Orders touching this matter because we are advised by our Council & find by late experiece y^{t} the interloping trade is onely & effectually to be destroyed in India.

ye interloping trade only to be destroyed in India

We have taken our new Patent for all Interlopers & to be condemned & sould for his Ma^{ts}. use w^{ch}: if we had desired we might as easily have had to our own use But we are not covetous of any mans Goods but o^{r} own. But resolved to bring all persons in India to a conformity to his Charter & in order thereunto if there to [*sic*] occasion We hereby impower you to reward the Comand & Seamen of any of o^{r} Ships that shall seize any Interloper within y^{e} Limits of o^{r}: Charter, with one third part of y^{e} neat proced of any Interloper y^{t} they shall seize & bring in to you to be condemned according to his Ma^{ts}: Charter now granted us & Proclamation which third part given as a Reward to such of our Comand^{rs} & Seamen, we doubt not but to procure his Ma^{ts}: allowance of the other two thirds you are to bring to an acco^{t} apart for his Ma^{ts} use.

ye Commanders & seamen to have 1/3 part of what they shall seize on of interlopers ye other to be for the Kings use.

Wee are in hast in sending away this pacquet by a messenger on purpose because we heare Cap^{t}. Heath may be in y^{e} Downes this day wherefore this comes only signed by myself but you will have y^{e} Copie of it under y^{e} Comitees hand by y^{e} next Ships I am your very loveing freind

T^{NS} : CHILD GOVERNOUR.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON THE 30TH: DECEMBR 1681.

The two foregoing Letters, whereof the latter signed only by the Governour, for the reason therein mentioned are Copies of what wee wrote you by the Resolution, wch Wee confirme.

ye Dutch sending out but a small stock noe fears of their prejudicing ye Compa.

Since Wee understand from Holland, that although they doe send for India this year 21 Shipps, and on them were 3000 Land Souldiers yet in Bullion they doe not send upon all of them above 140000 lbs. so that with such a stock they are not like to prejudice us much in our Coast and Bay trade.

Pces 2000 : of Demityes 2000 of Diapers to be provided.

Looking againe over our List of goods ordered you to provide in our former Letters, Wee see we have wholy omitted Dimeties and Diapers but in regard Wee would have some of every Comodity Wee desire you to send us 2000 peeces of the strongest and finest Dimeties in two or three sorts and 2000 peeces of the finest and strongest sorts of Diaprs whereof a proporcionable quantity to be of napkining breadth vizt full 3 quarte wide & a proporcionable quantity thereof to be of Table Cloth breadth vizt ½ two yards and one quarte wide & ½ two yards & halfe wide, take especiall care of the strength eveness and goodness of the said two Comodities, & of the well buying them principally of the Diapers of wch this Kingdome consumes vast quantities lately imported most from France, so that if wee could bring these of India into comon use here to ye beating out of the French Diapers it would be a Notionall [*sic*] advantage, as well as a benefitt to us and an encrease of the remote Navigation wch: is alwaies of most advantage to any Nation.

Upon y noise of som interlopr s coming out Capt Wildies designe altered.

We have upon ye noise of two or 3 pettie Interlopers designed whether the report be true or false, resolved to divert Capt Wildies designe in the Welfare for Syam, & have appointed her to saile with our remayneing Coast Ships, directly up the river of Ganges to Hughley soe that you will have 7 Ships to trade home this yere.

an addition of 300 bales Cotton yarn

Upon wch wee have resolved to make some encrease to our intended Stock in bulleon & to order you, as hereby wee doe to provide for us 300 more bales of Cotton yarne wch makes the whole quantity enorderd fower hundred bales Which be very carefull to have spunn & reeled according to our former directions. Lett none of our Servts: or any English loade a bale of raw Silke for Surrat or any other place till ye Companies order of Ten thousand bales be compleated. This I subscribe [*sic*] Singly by order of Court this day and remaine

Yor: very loveing fred

This last parugraph [*sic*] doth more immediatly concerne ye Bay & for haste is transcribed out the Lre to them.

Jos: CHILD GOVERNOUR

Ro: BLACKBORNE Sectry:

OUR AGENT GOVR: CA: COUNCELL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON THIS 18TH: JANUARY 1681.

upon ye Nathaniell arrivl sufficent persons to be sent to seize Interlopers. ye Nathll to be first dispatcht from ye Bay to the Fort.

Wee have this day resolved that Capt. Wilshaw stay at Porto Novo till ye Nathaniells arrivall As soon therefore as you heare of him send over sufficient ℔sons & orders for him to Seize & Interrupt all Intelopers [*sic*] according to the method we have advised you in our graⁿ Lre we designe & Nathll: shall be dispeeded after him; and shall touch at Porto Novo parts ajacent & intending her to be the first shipp to be dispatched from ye Bay uto [*sic*] ye ffort that she also touch at Porto Novo to take in what goods are there in readines & soe to proceed to St Helena.

number of ships sent out.

The whole number of Ships wee have now setled for the Coast and Bay &c Factories are under mentioned & doe intend to inlarge our Stock.

order to seize any effects of Mr Vincents & Mr Lettletons that shall be found at ye Fort.

If you have any effects of Mr Vincents or Mr Lettletons in yr hands or in ye hands of any of our Concell[s] [*sic*] ffactors in ye ffort, detayne them by you till further order We haveing reason to beleeve they have been very perfidious to us.

The above written is ye order of court but in regard ye winde is comeinge faire they have ordered ye Secretary to trasmit [*sic*] to you, least there should not be time enough for a competent number of the Comtees. to meet & signe ye same.

Attested to be ye order of ye Court of Comtees

Ro. Blackborn Secry

Josa Child Governour

For ye Coast and Bay

Resolution	Defence	For Bantam
Nathll:	Williamson	Berkeley: Castle
Lancaster	Johanna	Surrat: Merchant
Society	Welfare	Persia: Merchant

For Surrat

Sampson	Eagle
ffalcon	Barnardiston
President	Persia Merchant

Our Agent & Council

By the Court of Comtees: holden ye 25th of Janury [*sic*] 168½.

Copie

This Court being informed that Mr: Streynsham Master late Agent at ffort St. George hath detained in his hands 14000 Abassees of the estate of Mr Mathias vincent late Chief in ye Bay of Bengala. It is ordered that William Gufford [*sic*] Esqr: Agent and Governour of ffort St George & the Councill there do forthwith require him to pay the said money into ye Compa Cash at ye ffort, and to give them an accot: of what other effects of Mr Vincents or of Mr Edward Littletons he hath in his hands or knowes of and that the said Agent & Councill do secure the same by the best way or meanes they can to answer what the said Mr Vincent & Mr Lettleton owe respectively & are chargeable with unto ye Compa.

Resolved that a Comission be sent this night to Capt Willshaw Comander of the Loyall Resolution for his proceedings in securing ye Companies trade in India and that the said Agent & Councel acquaint him and all others that if they do any signall service in circumventing or defeating the voyage of any Interloper without bloodshed this Court will reward them with some Speciall Taken [*sic*] of their gratitude & Generosity.

Our Agent & Council at Fort St: George.

London 8th: Feburary [*sic*] 1681.

1. We have wrote you so fully in our letters by the Resolution (copies whereof are herewith sent) that We find little to add though We have since perused the late Agent and Councills additionall Ler: of the 28th of february ye 3d; 8th: and 28th of March and 4th: & 7th: of Aprill by our 3 remaineing ships lately arrived with us from the Coast.

2. The next materiall thing to be inculcated to you is that you do forthwith settle a Factory at Porto Novo, or the most convenient place thereunto if you have not already done it and that you do not fail to buy up all the Cloth thereabouts, and in all other places where any quantities of Cloth can be procured tho you have not formerly used them it being our Stedfast resolution, as by other meanes so likwise [*sic*] by this (Vizt overtrading) which cannot fail to discourage, not onely all Interlopers but all forrein Competitors with us in our trade our quick stock being considerable enough to do it altho our dead stock in fforts Castles Garrisons &ca do in no measure equalize the Dutch nor We hope ever shall.

To settle a factory att Porto Novo & to buy up all quantys. of Cloth for ye discencouragmt: of the Interlopers.

They Leve it to you whether to settle (in) or neare Porto Novo.

3. Whether in Setling in or near Porto Novo our best way may be to rent a towne conveniently scituated (as our late Agent advised) we shall not determine, but leave that to your discretions to do what you shall judge best for our interest, but one way or other Settle such a ffactory out of hand upon the best terms you can.

4. What further Stock we have sent you by this Ship the Nathainel, you will See by the Inclosed Invoyce & bill of loading.

ordrs: to send Sticklack, but not to settle at Pegu.

5. Pegu Sticklack we like well, procure & send us all y^{n}: can thereof but we do not think it worth our charge to settle a ffactory there.

encourage ye merchats., to bring Atcheen Commodis: black Sticklake [*sic*] from Pegu.

6. We hope that you being persons that will study our interest & having so many portugall and other Merchants haveing unde [*sic*] yo^{r}: goverm^{t} and some that trade to Pegu and Acheene contrive with and so encourage them, that they may in the Course of their owne trades bring to our Towne of Madrass, Benjamin & the comodities of Acheene and black Sticklack from Pegu, which you may buy of them at moderate rates and which may come much cheaper to us then by setling of Factories in places of such small trade.

by same means may encrease ye investmts of Callicoes.

7. And by the same meanes you may probably procure encrease of our Callicoe investments from places unto which y^{e} Black Merchants you contract with do not trade, & w^{ch}: we have not mentioned unto you which if you Could do would be an acceptable service uto us for the reason of our design of great enlargem^{t} before hinted to you.

no place unattempted where Callicoes may be had.

8. For the same cause we would have you leave no place unattempted where Calicoes may be had, that when the Interlopers come they may not finde after you.

no dimonds [*sic*] to be bought, till Loaded 7: Ships for Coast & Bay noe money to be sent to mines for dimonds.

9. And in regard Diamonds (we suppose by reason of the great troubles in Europe) will hardly sell for their first cost in India being also dear bought there, We would have you bay [*sic*] none on any terms till you have fully provided all our goods enordered for compleating the loading of the 7 Ships now designed for the Coast and Bay otherwise we shall not onely, not allow you the allotted provision thereon but call you to accomp^{t}: for it and we do expresly enjoyne for the future never to send up any money to the Mines or to by [*sic*] Diamonds there.

Great ebb of dimonds 7 years probably may rise.

10. About 7 years past Diamonds were at such a lou ebb as now they are, but in 2 or 3 years following they did rise to a considerable price as probably they may do again, and therefore we would not have you totally forbear sending us any, but we say send the fewer buy those you send the Cheaper and lett those who have them to sell wait your leasure till you have dispatched all our other busines.

money left behind not invested.

11. We find unpon [*sic*] perusall of our acco^{ts} and Invoices now arrived by our 3 last Coast Ships that besides near 25,000 lbs. left behind at the bay of what we sent by the same ships last year there is about 50,000 lbs. left behind uninvested of what we sent to the Coast besides a large stock of former years at both places. A novelty that we have never before been aquainted with in that Place, nor we hope never shall againe, Our present Agent M^{r} Gufford can remember that formerly in the time of S^{r} Edward Winter and Agent Chambers we never failed of full retornes (tho they were not without other faults) which gives us the greater hopes, that in that respect we shalbe as wel Served by him and in other respects better then by any of his Predecessours.

£ 40 or 50000 provided in Callicoes &ca.

12. Besides what we have already enordered to be provided at Metchlepatam and Madapollam We would have you order the value of £ 40 or 500000 [*sic*] Sterl to be provided at Pettiplee in such proper sorts of Callicoes and other goods for this market as you judge may be there had best & cheapest, for which we do send you no particular additionall list, but leave that intirely to your discretions hopeing that the less confirmed you are as to the Sorts the more easy it may be to you to enlarge the quantity in the whole.

13. Send us home the 5 barrells of Lahore Indicoe lying in your Godowns if you have not already otherwise disposed of them. send home Lahore Indico if not Disposed off.

14. Peruse the Copies of the late Agent and Councills letters of the 3d of March and 4th Aprill and consider of the proposition that was made to them, by the Naique of Madure and give us your opinion thereof, We are Zealous for the inlargement of our trade but that Prince his ports are so inconveniently situated for our busines that we see no probability of serving ourselves by a Settlement in any of them. to Consider naique Madurs opinion.

15. Haveing not yet seen our goods by the 3 last Ships from Madapollam, We can say nothing of them but upon perusall of the Copie of their consultations we finde that a pititifull [*sic*] slight busines no more comparable to what we had from thence these 2 or 3 yeares past than an Infant is to a Man of full growth which gives us just cause to doubt our affairs there, are but weakly headed, We would have you compare their Consultation bookes of the 3 yeares past and where you find by comparing them that they are fallen off from the good order they were in 3 yeares past, admonish them, and if that have not a present effect send some carefuller person to be Chief of that factory. madapollm. 2: or 3: yeare past very bad. Compare their Consultation books admonish ym. if of noe effect send a Carefull Cheif.

16. On the Resolution comes to you one Mr Robert Hedges, who we did intend formerly to reside under your Agency, but upon the desire of Agent Hedges that he might have the breeding of him under his Eye we have gratified him therein and have appointed him to go downe into the Bay from you ℔ the first appertunity which accordingly you are to permit him. Mr. Hedges to go to ye bay to ye Agent.

17. We have taken further Security as a ffactor for vincent Sayon from his relations here he is therefore according as you shall find him deserving (we haveing received a good Character of him) to succeed to such imployment, as shall fall in course of our rules to be due unto him. Vincent Sayon af actor.

18. We did in our letter of 5th: of January 1680 order you to provide for this years Shipping 100 tons redd wood or redd Saunders Which we hope and doubt not but you have accordingly done We do find that we have totally omitted it in our list of goods to be provided which we sent you by the Resolution, therefore we do now order you not onely to get in readines the said 100 tons but also two hundr: tons more which makes in all 300 tons, half of which we would have you load on such Ships onely as will take it in at half freight and not otherwise, for that what you so lade, will be all clear profitt to the owners in regard they will stow it betweene the ships sides and or: bales of goods instead of other wood for Dennidge the other 150 tons we would have you keep in our Godowns to answer any want of goods to compleat our Tonnage by our last Ships, if any such thing should happen, which we hope by your care and diligence wilbe prevented and then in Such case if there be no want of goods we do order that you loade it on our latter ships for Dennidge at half freight as aforesaid and we d[o] also further order that you make the like provision of 300 tons Redd wood for our next years Shipping. ordrs· for redd wood to be sent a greter quantity yn was wrote for at first. ordrs· to Load the abovesd· at ½ freight.

The Dutch call this redd wood by the name of Calliature wood and we do ℔ the Nathaniel and Williamson Send you a pattern there of which came from India We are informed it costs about 2½ Pagds ℔ Candy they are usually in pieces of about 3 yards long but you may have it Sawed into peices of about 2 foot more or less as the Comanders shall desire for conveniency it being to be ground to powder here, and used in dying. a patern sent of sd· wood, ye Dutch call caliature the price of it 2½ pa: ℔ Candy. [the] to be ground to powder for dyeing.

19. There is one Strampton Welsted a Soldier in our Fort who hath served us here severall yeares, we have been desired by Sr James Edwards to permit his coming home by this years Shipping, which we have granted and therefore would have you order him to take his passage accordingly on the first Ship that comes for Europe Strampton Welsted soldr· order'd to be sent home.

and if his covenanted term be not expired, his transportation wilbe paid by his freinds here. And so comending you & o^r Affaires to y^e Divine protection and guidance Wee remaine

Yo^r loveing freinds

BERKELEY
SAM^LL: BARNARDISTON
SAM^LL CUDWORTH
THO: CANHAM
NATH: LETTEN
W^M SEDGWICKE
EDWARD RUDGE.

JOS^A: CHILD GOVERNOU^R
THO: PAPILLON DEPY:
JOSEPH ASHE.
JN^O: LAWRENCE.
JAMES EDWARDS.
JE: SAMBROOKE.
SAM^LL: MOYER.
RICH^D: HUTCHINSON.
JO^N. MORDEN.
JOSEPH HERN.
JAM WARD.
JOHN DUBOIS.

Saml^l Owen a writer.

Wee have enteetayned Samuell Owen to be a Writer at the ffort for 7 yeres at the Sallary of 10 £ ₱ afin whom we would have you imploy in our service he takes his Passage on the Nathaniell.

OUR AGENT & COUNCIL AT FORT S^T GEORGE.

LONDON 15^TH FEBRUARY 1681.

Ship Society to sail directly from Engd. to the bay.

1. Our Ship Society not being yet unladen, we find she will not be got ready to sail from Gravesend before the last week in April at soonest which wilbe too late to adventure upon your Coast; & therefore we doe resolve to send her directly for y^e bay: & y^t instead of y^e: Resolution (which we formerly intended should be y^e last Ship dispatched from y^e Bay) we intend y^e Society shall stay at Ballasore to be the last Ship dispatched from thence.

an Enterloper design'd to Load att Porto Novo or Metchlepa:

2. And in regard we have more than ordinary confidence in y^e fidelity courage & wisdom of Cap^t Willshaw to prevent Interlops, & y^t we hear one Interloper is now fitting with purpose to get her loading at or near Porto Novo & another designs to get her loading at or near Metchlep^a: or Gingerly we would have you if you can so contrive o^r Busines y^t with y^e help of such Saltpetre & Turmerick as you have by you, Cap^t Willshaw may have his full loading at y^e Fort & y^e other 3 places before mentioned viz^t: 1^st: at Porto Novo & parts adjacent 2^ly: Metchlep^a: & parts adjacent 3^ly: Gingerly & parts adjacent; and from those parts in such manner & time as you shall find most for o^r: advantage & y^e ships security, as wel as preventing Intelopers, he may be dispatched home from some of those places without going further down towards y^e Bay than Gingerly.

Capt. Wilshaw to be Loaded at ye Fort & othr 3: places.

as soon as this comes send 2 or 3 ffactors & marchts.

3. Now in order to your makeing some part of our Investm^t at Gingerly or thereabouts we not knowing what is best can give you no possitive orders how to proced in it but must leave that Intierly to yo^r Discretions when we have told you y^t it seems best to us you should as soon as this comes to yo^r hands, send overland (unles a present passage by Sea offers) one or two Facto^rs: with 2 or 3 Black Merch^t that you can trust to advise & assist y^m giving them Instructions how to govern themselves & what goods to provide & at what prices e^t who probaly [*sic*] may arrive so soon at Gingerly, y^t from thence they may by a Pattamar or catumaran advise you what they can buy & what of our Cloth e^t will sell there before you send down Cap^t Wilshaw thither with o^r Mony &c.

no possative ordrs: to settle a factory att Gingerlé.

all sorts of goods Cheap.

4. We doe not hereby positively determin whether you shall settle a standing Factory at that place or bring off our people up to y^e Fort with Cap^t Wilshaw upon his return to you that will much depend upon the quantitys of Goods there to be had & y^e prices of such goods But we have bin asured by several y^t Gingerly is a very cheap place of provisions & y^t all sorts of goods may be brought there in large q^ties: cheaper by 25 or 30 ₱ C^t than we have had them of late years from y^e Fort.

if Gingerle resolved a Factore to be under Govt. of agency fort St. George.

5. But if you shall resolve Gingerly for a factory, we doe hereby determin it to be under y^e directions & governm^t of o^r Agency of ffort S^t George.

6. We shall return to you agen Mr John Thomas in ye quality of a Merchant & at ye salary of £30 ℔ Ann he lately arrived from the Bay in a weak and poor condition, having been cruelly & inhumanly abused by Mr Vincent there. Mr. John Thomas to return to in quality of a Merchant.

7. He hath the Gentue Language so if you think fit you may send him for one of ye first you send to Gingerly and to be last of ye Council because he hath been distracted & it may be his distemper may return but his desire is to be as farr as he can from his wife. to be sent last of Counll att Gingerlé.

8. But if theis lre come to you before his arrival delay not our busines for him but send some other in his stead. if this Lettr. go Late, some other in his Stead.

9. There is likewise on Clement Jordan at the ffort but not in or service his friends are very importunate with us to employ him but we are uncertain whether he be honest and fitt for our service haveing too often deceived by characters given persons by their owne Relations but if upon those new setlements you want such a man & judge him to be right & true you may employ him as a Factor at £20 ℔ ann he giving you there accostomary security for his fidelity wch wee doe not demand of his Friends here because that would be construed a kinde of granting yt we will employ him. Clement Jordan a ffactor notwithstanding the ill Charecter.

10. Wee have been extremely abused in the sorting of our Cloth ever since Mr Bridgers haveing the care of that business & have just cause to fear that Bribery (which Soloman saies blindes ye Eyes) has been more the cause of our loss in yt affaire yn other defects of his sight or of [*Lacuna in the original*] other persons employed by or wth him. We doe depend upon an effectuall reformation of that business by our new Agent & Councill. abuse made since Mr Bridges sortg Cloth, feare bribs are made. new agent & Counll to reform yt business.

11. There being a constant Corrispondency between severall pers^{s}: in or: ffort & Towne and those of Trincombar soe yt if you sall finde any long Cloth or any good calicoes yt are to be bought their we would have you give directions for their bying upp by such natives or others as you shall appoint thereby the better to prevent ye Interlopers for furnishing themselves there for that Capt Allev in the expecttation had goods there. Callicoes & Long Cloth to be bought from Trincombar for prventing Allev's expect-

12. We have thought fitt for severall reasons wholy to prohibitt all persons of what degree or quallity soever in or Service from dealing in all or any sorts of raw and throwne Silk of the grooth of Bengalla for yt we have found by experience our factors trading their in hath not only lessoned the quantitys of what we ordered but also raised ye prises very extravagantly soe that you are not only to take notice thereof yourselves but alsoe to require obedience thereunto from all our Factors and servants within your Agency we have nothing ellse to add but remaine no ℔sons wtsoever to deal in raw silk ye grouth of bengalla. ffactors & servts have raised ye Price to require all obedience from our servts

Your very loveing friends

JOSEPH ASHE.. JOs : CHILD GOVERNOUR

BERKELEY.

JA EDWARDS.
SAMLL MOYER.
JA : WARD.
WILL : SEDGWICKE
JOHN DUBOIS.
JOHN CLARKE.
EDWD: RUDGE.
JOSEPH HERNE.
WATH : LETTEN.

THO : PAPILLON DEPY :
SAMLL : BARNARDISTON.
JNO : LAWRENCE.
JEREMY SAMBROOKE.
JOHN CUDWORTH.

OUR AGENT AND COUNCILL AT FORT ST. GEORGE. LONDON THE 10TH MARCH 1681.

We have little to add to what we have already so copiously writ y^n^ concerning
2: interlopers will be in ye Bay this yeare. our affairs but to tell you we hear there wilbe two Interlopers this year in the Bay viz^t^ the Crowne Cap^t^ Dorrell and [*lacuna in the original.*]

Corpoll & 20 Soldrs to be sent down to ye Bay to prevent ye Insolence of Pitts Supra Cargo of Interlopers. 2. Thomas Pitts being designed Supra Cargo of both who is M^r^ Vincents Cousin and a fellow of a haughty huffing, daring temper & therefore by the first Shipp that goes downe to the Bay we would have you send downe to Agent Hedges a Corporall and 20 Soldiers to be at his disposall there so long as our Ships stay, or he shall think fitt to keep them there to prevent Interlopers let the Corporall be a discreet, sober man and the Soldiers orderly such as he may rely upon not that we should have any fighting between English and English but we think it may not be amiss to have them there to prevent any insolent attempt of Pitts to rescue Vincent or other indecent behaviour he may prompt hiss Seamen to comitt upon the land because probaly Pitts being so well acquainted on the River of Ganges may carry up boath the Ships aforesaid as high as hughly whereas we have no Ship small enough to go up but only the Welfare that is less then eigher [*sic*] of the other.

if need be of those soldr to hier as many Portugess. 3. If you should find any miss of the foresaid Officer & 20 Soldiers, which we hope you will not, we leave it to your discretion to hire what more Portugall Soldiers you shall find needfull in their absence.

willing to reward ye fidelity of Mr. Wynn deceased. by a tomb to ye vallue of 200 Pa: following Epitaph to be in 4 languages. 4. M^r^ Maurice Wynn of Metchlep^a^: being dead so that we cannot reward his fidelity to himsilf, we are willing to be at some charge to preserve the memory of his merit & our owne gratitude and do therefore order you to cause a considerable Tomb to be erected over his body. On the building & graving whereof you may disburse to ye valae of 200 pag^o^ and cause the following Epitaph to be egraven upon it large Capitall letters in four languages viz^t^ English Portugeez Persian and Gentue.

the Epitaph of Mr. Maurice Wynn. The Hono^ble^ East India Company of England for a perpetuall remembrance of the fidelity and care of their good Servant Maurice Wynn deceased in preventing English Interlopers at Metchlepatam have caused this Monument to be erected under which his bodie lyes interred he died Chief of this ffactory the [*lacuna in the original*] day of [*lacuna in the original*] Anno Dom. 1680.

Information yt Mr. Jersey is agoing to settle ye fort & Porto Novo to aid ye interlopers if so send for him & keep him at ye fort. 5. We are told M^r^ Jerzey is gone to settle at [*lacuna in the original*] being betweene the ffort and Porto Nova that he may there be aiding to the Interlopers if you find it so, Send for him presently to the ffort by your Peons or otherwise, and keep him there.

Factrs. & Mercnts. to make as Large returns this yeare, to defeate the Interlopers. 6. We would have you put forth yourselves to the uttermost and compell all our ffactors under your Agency and all black Merchants depending upon us in all places to make us as large returnes by these ships as it is possibly to be done which God sending home to us we shall sell as cheap here that we may (as by other ways so by that of ower Trading and under selling) at once put an end to the unreasonable itch of those Interlopers.

y^e^ Invoice of y^e^ Lancaster. 7. The Invoice and bill of loading of this ship Lancaster will informe you Stock you may expect by her.

Corrall all Europe & othr goods sold, that no stock lye dead. 8. Sell our Corrall as soon as may be, and all other Europe goods that we may have no part of our stock ly dead, which we alwaies desire but never so needfull as at this time.

9. If you know or can discover any persons belonging to the Dutch East India Compª that do in any kind countenance or assist the English Interlopers whether they be Dutchmen or Natives belonging to that Compª give us an accoᵗ : of their names we being well assured that the Comittees in Holland will do us and themselves right in ruining any such treacherous servants of theirs in India (the English Interlopers being not less prejudiciall to their Intrest than to ours) of which the Dutch Embassador here and the Bewinthebbors in Holland are sufficiently Sensible. If any Persons of yᵉ Dutch Compy do harber any English Interlopers give information.

And if you sespect any belonging to the Dutch you may acquaᵗ them before hand of what we have writt in the foregoing Paragraph that they do not ignorantly draw mischief on themselves. If suspicion information to be given of abou sd.

10. We have entertained Mʳ. Richard Gresham to serve us as a ffactor at the ffort or some other of our ffactories within your Agency at the Sallary of £ 20 ₱annm and would have yᵘ imploy him accordingly where he may do us best service He takes his passage on the Lancaster at his owne Charge. The number of passengers allowed us freight free by Charterparty being filled up before his Entertainment. Ricd. Gresham to serve a ffactor. Passenger freight free.

11. Sʳ Edward Winter makes it his request, that in case his Lady should dy there, some speciall care might be taken of his Son and Daughter and of the Estate she shalbe possessed of at her death lest it should fall into the hands of ill men, touching which he will write you more perticularly himself, which we recomend unto you to give wᵗ furtherance and assistance you can therein. Sr. Edwd Winters request Care be taken of his son & daughter in Case of his Ladys death

12. We have that confidence in the fidelity courage Wisdom & activity of Capᵗ Wilshaw that we think his Ship may be sufficient to defend your Coast and all our ffactories now under you [*sic*] Agency from Interlopers and therefore we have ordered him by our latter letters not to be sent downe to the Bay but to spend him [*sic*] time in such safe place for riding within your Agency as may tent [*sic*] most to our Service after his return to the ffort from Porto Novo So that we think you may from the ffort send his Ship downe to Metchlepatam Madapollam & Gingerlee to do all requisite busines for us in those places and as he comes up to bring with him all the forwardest goods we shall have ready at any of those places and after his returne to fill up at your Place and Porto Novo and other places thereabouts and from thence come home. Capt. Willshaw to be riding with in yor. agency to hinder Interlopers.

13. This we think is feazable in regard we presume you have Peter and Turmerick more then enough for his Kintlage. We suppose you have quantities of Peter & Turmerick.

14. ffor yᵉ Ship Lancaster we think it may be best for us that you should send her presently to the bay that our Agent there may have the more Tonnage wherewith to restock yᵘ: with Peter and Turmerick but if upon consideration you shall find it for our service to detain her whole season of our ships being in India within the bounds of your owne Agency as you do the Resolution an [*sic*] can load them both in the manner before proposed besides what you are to lade on yᵉ Defence from yᵉ Bay to dispatch her for England then wee doe herby leave it to your discretion to do therein what you shall judge most for our Service without any regard to the Capᵗˢ Inclination or desire who will advise more for himself and his Owners then for us. send yᵉ Lancaster to Bay.

15. But whatever you resolve or however you shall determine to dispose of both or either of the said ships you must give present intimation of your resolves therein to our Agent and Councill in the Bay that they may govern our affaires with relation to our other ship there accordingly. present resolves to be made & sent to ye Bay

16. We desire you to sett your Witts on worke to cause some attempts to be made within your Agency for the production of flaxen or hempen Cloth of any kind, or good yarn of either sort 6 : or 8 bayles send for a tryall. methods to be used for flaxen Cloth Yarn of either sort for tryall.

17. Wee would have you to provide for us every year 10 Jarrs (of the Bignes that our Green Ginger comes in from Bantam) of Acharr Vizᵗ 3 of your best Mange Pacherees 3 of Radish such as Verona provided one for Sʳ Jeremy Sambrook when he came over, and Alingall or Seerapa may remember who made it, the other 4 in Provide Achar every yeare.

Lime Acharr, We would not have you to Chinamb the Topp of them over but to have a Cover of wood fitted to the mouth of the Jarr and then covered over with Pitch and a pice of an old sail cloth pitched upon the topp of the Jarr and tyed round the mouth of the Jarr and let the Cloth be stuck to the Jarr two or 3 Inches below the tyeing then lett the Jarr be gunneyed all over & after reped about and take ℔ticular care to order the Cap^{t} to keepe them (if possible) in the great Cabbin or Some very coole place in the ship they being perticularly intended for presents.

in Case any Ship Losse thier passage they this yeare may stop at ye Mauritius they'l.

18. If any of our ships designed this year for your port shall happen to loose their Monsoone & thereby be forced to make a Winter Voyage which we hope wilbe prevented. In such case we would have you advise our Comanders y^{t} if they cannot gett about the Cape they may Stopp at y^{e} Mauritius where o^{r} ships this yere mett with good refresm^{t}: We remaine

Your Loveing freinds

JN^{O} LAWRENCE.

JA EDWARDS. JOS^{A} CHILD GOVERNOUR

RI HUTCHINSON.
WILL SEDGWICKE
JEREMY SAMBROOK THO PAPILLON DEP^{Y}.
THO: CANHAM. JAM WARD.
JN^{O} MORDEN. SAM^{LL} BARNARDISTON.
JOSEPH HERNE. EDWARD RUDGE.

OUR AG^{T}: & COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE. LONDON Y^{E} 24TH MARCH 1681.

Indica called figg Indica Send 5 tonns for tryall.

Wee are given to understand that y^{e} Dutch doe usually bring from Palliacat, a sort of Indico w^{ch} turnes them well to acco^{t}: it is not the sort that is called figg Indico; we would have you to enquire about it and send us foure of five tonns of it for a tryall but let it be of the best sort: wee are

y^{r} very loveing freinds

JOS^{A}. CHILD GOVERNOUR.
THO: PAPILLON DEP^{Y}:
SAM^{LL}: BARNARDISTON.

JOHN CLERKE. JO SAMBROOKE.
JN^{O} MORDEN. RI. HUTCHINSON.
JOSEPH HERNE. EDWARD RUDGE.
THO. CANHAM. JAM. WARD.
JOHN DU BOIS. JOHN PAIGE.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T} GEORGE. LONDON 1ST MAY 1682.

rumours by ye Levant Merchts for a New East India Stock.

debated afore his majys Privy Counll.

Greatly favourd by his Majy:

No. 3. this Paragraph to be communicated to all our ffactors Servts Coast bay Bantam, Commanders & Officers.

You cannot but have heard the Rumors that have of late been spread abroad of the attempts made against this Company by the Levant Merch^{ts}. and others that favour the interloping trade and of y^{e} great subscriptions for a new East India Stock to be managed by other hands in order to the dissolving of this present Company all which matters haveing been debated before his Ma^{tie} and the Lords of the Privy Councill yesterday at Windsor: his Ma^{ty} hath been pleased so farr graciously to inclime [*sic*] to the Support and maintenance of this Comp^{a}: as now established by the Royall Charter and so well to approve of our management of the India trade as will for the future silence all Clamors and pretences that can be alledged to our prejudice In so much as there is nothing that we can wth modestly ask for the incouragemen^{t}: of our comerce in India which his Ma^{ty}: will not readily be pleased to grant us so high an esteeme and acceptance have our indeavours met with from his Ma^{tie}: who will by no meanes check the present flourishing Condition of our affairs, which the Almighty hath been pleased to crowne with Success. This we thought fitt to acquaint you with all and would have you by the first conveyance to comunicate the same to all our ffactories on the Coast & Bay and Bantam as also to all subordinate ffactories, and likewise to our Comanders and officers.

We received yours of the 29th August last overland and are glad to here [*sic*] of the safe arrivall of our Agent and ffactors and do promise ourselves (with Gods blessing) extraordinary success from your prudent and faithfull managery the rather for that it pleased the divine providence to arrive you in so seasonable time we would have you write to Hughly and order them to send up over and above our former List 10000 pieces of broad blew Ginghams of the ordinary Sort.

to write to Hugly to send over & above a 10000 peices of broad blew ginghams ordinary.

We remain et:

OUR AGENT AND COUNCIL AT FORT ST GEORGE.

LONDON 26TH: MAY 1682.

1. We are extreamly well satisfied with the accot you give us of our affayrs under your managery by your overland letter of the 29th August 1681 And doe desire seriously to give thanks to Almighty God for your seasonable & safe arrival; And for your sakes we doe confirm all those persons which you have established of our Council at Mechlepa and Madapollam; although we did formerly reject Mr Robert Freemans peticion & his fathers earnest solitacon to have him readmitted into our Service because we understood he had been ayding to the Interloper Ally wch he ought not to have done tho he was not then or servant because he had his rise & eduction from us & could not continue & trade in India upon our Privileges but by our favour or ye base connivance of some that we intrusted with our authority.

Confirm all our Counlls att Metchpam although formerly rejected.

2. And tho we have never heard of any unfaithfulnes in Mr Timo: Wilkes that will be second of our Council with you after ye removal of Mr Bridger yet we have so much resented the indecency of those affronting letters we recd from ye Fort in ye latter end of Sr Wm Langhorns time & during all the Agency of Mr Master yt we are resolved (exempli gratia) that noe ꝑson who was in ye fault or misffortune of setting his hand to any of those letters, shall ever arrive at ye honor of being trusted in ye head of our affayres there. And therefore we doe appoint and hereby establish Mr John Bigrig if he be living to be Second of or Council at Fort St George in ye room & stead of Mr Timo Wilks aforesaid and that the said Mr Bigrig shall in case of the removal or death of our Present Agent Mr Gyfford (whom we pra [*sic*] God long to preserve) Succeed & be our Agent & Governour of ffort St George & our town of Madraspatam & all other our affairs & factories with in ye direction of that Agency. Notwithstanding anything we have formerly wrote & notwithstanding anything in or Comission or Instructions to Agent Gufford to the contrary But if Mr Wilkes shall yet desire to remayn any longer time in our service and shall behave himself diligently therein as formerly, We having not found him unfaithful as aforesaid, are content you shall continue him third of Council of that factory: but never to rise to any higher degree for ye reason before mentioned in this paragraph.

They resented Mr: Timoy: Wilkes affronting Letters.

non of them yt set their hands to that Lettr ever to arrive in ye head of or affairs.

Mr Bigrig to be 2d att ye Fort.

No. 3. Mr Gifford to be Govr: Mr. Wilks if pleases may continue 3d of ye factore but no higher.

3. We are well pleased that you have sent Mr Mastr: & Cholmley home and yt you have so prudently provided for our full Investmts: not doubting but ye goodnes will answer ye expectation you have raised in us by your wise and honest beginings.

approve off Masters & Cholmlys beng sent home.

4. As you dispatch any of our ships, we think it may be best for you this year when two or three are ready, to order them to sail directly for St. Helena without staying for the rest of their company at the Coast but at St. Helena we would have them stay for ye company of all or any of or ships yt. shall arrive by or before the first of May; but not to stay after that day at St. Helena in expectation of any more or other of our ships than such as shall arrive before the first of May However if 4 or 5 of our Ships be in company together they may then depart before ye first of May from St. Helena without staying for any more of our ships.

to ordr ready ship to sail directly to St. Hellena.

5. The copie of our letter to you by the way of Bantam will inform you the issue of that noise that was made about a new Stock & new subscription We shall need to add no more to that then to tell you it is our opinion you will hear noe more of either a new stock or new Subscripcon while any of this age survives.

Bantam Lettr will Inform ye noise about new Stock.

inevitable undoing to ye Enterlopers, if Servts honest.

6. But Interlops till they are undone, we shall sometimes be troubled with and undone they must certainly be in all places where o[r] servants are faithful to us considering y[e] vastness of our Stock & Trade, o[r] interest & power in India & that wariness & frugality with w[ch]: we are resolved to manage our affayrs at least until the paraxism be over wherein we doubt not of your vigilant subserviency and cooperacon in yo[r] stations.

Confidence of Prest· & Counll at Surratt.

7. The like confidence we have of our New Presid[t]: M[r]· Child and our Council at Suratt & of our Present Agent & Council in y[e] Bay and if it be not so well as it should be at Bantam, we hope to make it better & sure to us in a very short time.

The Bantam Ambassadore att Present wth us Reed in great splendor.

his Majts Comisson to a treaty wth him.

8. We have with us an Ambassador from the King of Bantam who had audience of his Ma[ty] at Windsor the 14[th]: instant the 17[th] he made his first visit to the Governor & the Court. We did procure him as splendid a reception & as much honor to be done him by his Ma[ty] as if he came from the greatest Prince on Earth because we would shew him as well the civility of our Nation as the greatnes and grandeur of this kingdom that he may divulge in the Eastern parts of the World where we are litle known what kind of Country & people we are; when the ceremony is over we shall have his Ma[ts]: Comission to proceed to a Treaty with him & from it we hope to draw some advantages.

Pearles, rubies, of all sorts 5 ℔ Ct Commision in ye maner for Dymonds.

9. We would have you buy & send us what quantity of seed-pearl you can, and also Necklaces of pearl of any sort that you shall judge good pennyworthy as also Rubies of any sorts if you can meet with any y[t] you shall in yo[r] discretion think may yield us profit for which you may take there the Comission of Five ℔ C[t] in the manner we allow it for Diamonds by our former Rules touching that Comodity.

Ambrose Salusbery Credit for rupees.

10. By your last books X we find that you credit Ambrose Salusbary with Pag[os]: 932: 32: for Rupees sold for his amo[t] in July 1679 Accordingly his Relations come to demand the mony of us here but we doe not think it safe for us to pay it, for that you continue it on his credit in yo[r] succeeding books. What reason you have for it we cannot apprehend unless you expect a demand on his estate. Wherefore We have forborne the payment untill such time; that you Carry his Creditt unto our Acco[t] Currant and take this as a generall rule that we shall pay no dead mans estate though we find it in your bookes received in our Cash till we shall likewise finde their respective Credits carried to our acco[t] Currant. Wee comend you & our affaires to the blessing & guidance of the Almighty & remain

we shall pay noe dead mans Estates till we find Credits Carried to accot: current.

Your loveing freinds

Jos[A] Child Gov[R]:

That small attempt that was formerly begune for bringing the trade of Rubies to o[r] ffort from Pegu wee would have yo[u] encourage & cultivate w[ch] Peradventure may cheapest bee done by such of the Portugeez who yo[u] can confide in & that live und[r]: yo[r]: protection & by their meanns y[e] may arrive at a large and constant supply of that black Pegu Sticklacke w[ch] wee have so often desyened & would be very serviceable to us. Wee shall send you more tonnage & more Stocke this ensuing year then we have this & this Ship y[e] Society y[e] must acco[t]: as we doe y[e] last Ship of y[e] past yeares outsett wee are now begining to fright o[r] first ships to beinge [*sic*] the next years out sett of which we intend 1 for yo[u] & 1 for y[e] Bay dyrectly & 1 for Surratt to sayle from Gravesend by the 14[th]: of August next but that for Surratt in regard she will be to eirly shall Load Cowryes at y[e] Maldevees in he [*sic*] way to Surratt.

Black stick lack very serviceable to us

J.C.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL IN Y^E BAY OF BENGAL. LONDON THE 18 NOVEMB^R: 1681.

1. Wee have had noe letters from our Cheif and Councill at Hughly this year, nor any by our Shipping the last year which among many other provocations, hath obliged us to send over a member of our owne (M^r· W^m: Hedges) in quality of our Agent & Governo^r of all our affaires in the Bay of Bengall unto whome we have given a Comission under our larger Seal and also Instructions which we require to bee duely Observed by all our Chiefs Factors & servants in all Factries to which our said Comission and Instructions have any Reference.

no Letter this year from Hugly, Mr· Willm. Hedges Agen & Counll.

2. This the necessity of our affaires compelled us unto at this time & not any diffidence or dislike wee have of Mr. Job Charnock, of whose fidelity & care in o^r service wee had long & great experience & wee think the place hee is in already of Chief at Cassambuzar, doth not much differ from our now Agents but only in title & precedency, And do hereby confirm M^r· Charnock aforesaid our Chief of Cassambuzar, Second of the Bay & to succeed Agent of the Bay in case of y^e Death or absence of our now elected Agent M^r· Hedges aforesaid according as wee have directed in our said Agent Hedges Comission All other persons to remaine in the same stations they were in our respective Councills, except such as wee shall think fitt hereafter in this our letter to alter, or as shalbe removed by our said Agent & Councill according to our Instructions for infidelity or misdemeanour.

Mr· Charnock our Cheif of Casembuzar Second of Bay.

3. The 26 Guns that have long layen in the Bay & all other goods of Europe or India, not fitt to be sent for England wee ejoyn you to sell or truck off to our Merchants forthwith, so as to clear our Warehouses that no part of o^r Stock may ly dead, while our own servants or others make their Markets of the same species of Comodities to our Merchants Or if you have advice from the Fort that they will sell better there, send them thither ℔ first opertunity.

Guns not fitt to be sent to England to b truck't.

4. In regard we do now deliver to you our Agent a Copy of our letter to Fort S^t: George in which there are many particulars that do equally concerne y^e Bay & all other Factories we shall not here repeat them to you but referr you to our said letter w^ch y^u: are to observe as part of our Orders to you.

a Copy of a Lettr: sent to ye fort Concerning Bay & other factories to b observed as orders for you.

5. Bee sure to make all your bales of silke 160 seers at least, according to former orders.

6. See all our printed & written orders constantly & duely executed.

all writen orders to be duly excuted

7. Use all possible meanes to recover all old Debts in the Bay, of which you will find severall, which have been shamefully neglected.

To recover old debts being might [ly]neglecte

8. Above all things enlarge our Investments in all the sorts of Raw silk formerly as well as now desired in our severall letters to the Quantity of at least 10000 bales of Silk of 160 seers to the Bale.

To inlarge y Investments in raw silk.

9. Upon that Acco^t of remaines in the Bay (which goes herewith) being the best our Acomptant can make for want of bookes from thence let it be one of your Principal cares so to collect & convert our Estate into returnes proper and as much as is possibly within your power by this years shipping that our Estate do not unproffitably ly dead in those parts.

to Collect & Convert our Estate into returns proper.

10. Upon our Agents first arrival at Hughley take care to dispose of all our cloth that goes by this Shipp the Defence in regard of the quantity that is followg in our other shipps its requisite the dispersion of this should be hastned.

Dispose of y Cloth by Deffence.

11. The Defence Cap^t Heath, you are to dispatch with what goods do remaine on the former year and what can possibly procure in such time that before the setting of the Monzoon she may go to Madapollam & Mectchlepatam to take in all goods ready there and from thence to the fort to fill up there concerning which wee have given the needfull orders to our Agent and Councill at Fort S^t George as you will see by our letters to them.

Deffence yo are to dispatch, wth remaine of former year goods.

List goods to be provided against following year.

12. A list of goods to be provided for us in all our Factories in the Bay against the following year, wee shall send you herewith as also Invoice and bill of loading of what we have loaden on this shipp where unto y^{u} are referred.

Inventory of all house hold goods to be sent every year to England.

13. Faile not to send us by every yeares shipping in a list for that purpose an exact Inventory of all our house hold goods, plate lynen bedding untensills with a due estimate of their value, and every thing els that belongs to us within doores & without, in every Factory, that wee may be the better inabled to make a yearly calculation of o^{r} whole Capitall in England and India.

a list of all goods in our godowns their Vallue a Copy of Journall &ca.

14. Faile not likewise (for the same reason) by every years shipping to send us an exact list of every kind of goods we have in our Godowns to the comeing away of our last shipp whether they be goods of Europe or India and their value with a Coppy of your Journall booke of acco^{ts} of Hughly to that time.

wt. quantity of Sugar & Cotton may be pvided wt. prices, & send samples of all sorts.

15. Wee had thoughts of sending a shipp from hence about February next to be loaden directly from the Bay with Sugar & Cotton at 12 £ ₱ Ton freight but being not fully informed of the sorts & prizes of those goods and whether they will answer the Cost & Charges We shall at p^{r}sent forbear it but do enorder you to give to us full advices not only of what quantity of Both the said sort may be provided with you, but allso of the goodnes and prizes thereof and to send us samples of all sorts of them.

ordrs at ye return of ye Deffence yt Calculation be made of wt Tonnage can be provided.

16. You are by the return of the Defence to give our Agent &c^{a} at the Fort the best calculation you can make, of what Tonnage you may provide in the Bay for our this yeares shipping, and to do the like by the return of the Nathaniel to them sending them yo^{r} Invoices & letters open that they may be the better inabled to compute how much saltpeeter or other gross goods wilbe fitt for them to take ashore at the Fort & to leave enough on board fully to compleat all the shipps loading for England with what Callicoes they shall have provided at the ffort, To which end you much [*sic*] give order to all the factories under yo^{r} Agency to send you an Acco^{t} what quantity of goods each place wilbe able to provide and you are yearly to furnish our said Agent & Councill with such wax & other materialls for packing as also wth : butter arrack & other provitions as they shall desire.

to give ordrs to all factors under your agency to send accot of quantity of goods each place can provide.

Ordrs to ye Bay & Coast take money att Intrest for providing great quantities of raw silk.

at agents arrivall to discharge ye whol debt at Intrest in Bay.

17. We gave order by all our letters to the Coast & Bay sent overland this year, that in the Bay they should take up money at Interest for providing us greater quantityes of Raw Sike [*sic*] of the sorts desired Wherefore wee desire you to make strict Enquiry how that order hath been executed and whether all the money that hath been taken up there upon hath been applyed to our owne use, and no part of it to other purposes, you are likewise imediately upon our Agents arrival to discharge o^{r} whole Debt at Interest in the Bay that we ly not a day longer under the Burthen of that Country Interest then is of absolute necessity.

18. As wee have formerly prohibited all Raw Silke you are thereby to understand not onely Raw Silke as such but also all thrown Silke.

great Care to be taken in Packing, neglect this yeare.

19. You are to take extraordinary care in the true packing of o^{r} Taffaties which you have been neglectfull in very much this year, by not sending us patterns exactly according to the colowrs in the chest which you must be more carefull in for the future wee haveing made great allowances for your false package therein & as to the packing of our other goods we referr you to all those directions which we sent y^{u} by o^{r} last yeares Ships.

very ill package & much frayed to keep ym to a Length.

20. Your Cossaes & Mulmuls this year have been very ill packed & much frayed, there being 2 or 3 sorts in a bale, & of severall lengths & breadths we would have you keepe them all to a length & to endeavour as soon as y^{u} : can to have them, all made full 1$\frac{1}{8}$ yard broad, that being y^{e} fittest breadth for aprons and any other use.

Nillaes bad Taffities very bad.

21. The Nillaes received from the Bay this year are much worse & shorter than formerly, & if they be debased in the goodnes they will fall out of use And for what Taffaties received this year they are as bad as ever wee had & the colo^{r} most light,

tho we have so often wrote for most Cloth colours. But we suppose the privateers went away with the best, & the Rufuse you thought fitt enough for us, being bad and Rowy.

22. For the Raw Taffaties that you send us let them be made Even and free from Rowes & of the yellowish sort of silk, they being used of the natural colours without dying. Raw taffaties even & free from Rowes.

23. For the black Taffaties sent us this year we had better have none wth: out y^{u} do make them better & free from Rowes but yo^{r} extraordinary care for the Privateers (we believe) has deprived us what were first provided for us. yor great Care for Priviters depriv'd us wt was first provided.

24. Wee know not what the Elãches now sent out by the Sampson this year, doe cost us, haveing receed noe Invoices nor accompts: but we would have you to make them of variety of stripes & the ground to be most of Cloth colo^{rs}: & not too much red or white in them & then you may send us to 5 or 6000 ℔s. Elaches of variety of stripps.

25. And that the largeness of o^{r} Tonnage to y^{u}: this year, may be fully supplyed without over stocking us with Petre, wee give you these following liberties. not over stocking wth peter.

1st That if any sort of Cloth or other Goods mentioned in the list cannot be provided or fall short in the Quantity desired, in such case you may supply that defect by a larger proportion of any other sort of Cloth or silke wares, but espetially Raw silke, of which we should be glad y^{u} could provide us 10000 bales of the Kinds enordered. if not Enough of one sort of goods required send ye more of another.

2^{dly} For the like cause of complying with our full Tonnage, Wee give you liberty of taking up whatever money you can, of the Dutch or others by Exchang, & drawing the same upon us as hath been formerly used. Liberty to take up money of the Dutch or other by Exchange.

3^{dly} Wee give you liberty towards The Close of our Investments to take up £s 100000 at Interest upon the best termes you can with this limitation that what you so take up at Interest (little, more or less) be all invested and sent us home in raw Silk by this yeares Shipping, over and above the full proceed of our Stock now sent out. Liberty to take up £ 100000 at Intrest. to send home in raw silk.

26. Before we proceed to different matter, we think it not Impertinent to remember you of what the Agent hath often heard discoursed among us viz^{t} that wee have upon our hands & the three Coast Shipps expected a vast quantity of Petre, so that if you load these shipps fully without putting any more Petre one boãrd them, then what by Charterparty wee are obliged to load which is 16 Tonns to every 100 Tons the shipps are lett for, it wilbe a most acceptable service to us But remember alwaies that we had rather have Petre then pay dead freight. To Load 16 Tonns of Peter to every 100 Tuns the ships are to Let for.

27. If likewise you should in the progress of loading our shipping find goods come in better or in larger quantityes, then at first you may expect and that you should have put on board any of our shipps above the proportion of Petre to which by charter party we are obliged, in such Case faile not to require the Comander of such shipp that shall so have more Petre on board then our covfinted proportion to land such over plus Petre at Fort S^{t} George by Consigneing it to our Agent & Councill at the Fort that accordingly they may require it of him there. if any ship have more peter yn by Char ℔a require Commander to Land such over plus att Fort St. George Consining it to Agent &c Counll: at Fort.

28. Wee likewise order you upon the dispatch of our Shipps from you to the Fort, to send all the Petre & Turmerick you shall have by y^{u} upon o^{r} said shipps to the Fort, to remaine there as a Store, to answer any Emergency of a ships accidentall arrivall, or any other Occasion except so much as you shall think fitt to reserve ready at Ballazore for the present dispatch of what small vessell you are to expect from Amoy. To send Peter & Turmerick to ye Fort.

29. Wee have heard rumors lately of fine Plushes & velvets, and other new things of value made in the Bay send us 40 or 50 peeces of a sort if any such things be, that by that as well as other things wee may feele the benefit wee hope for, by the great Change we have made in the managery of our affaires in those parts. Information reed Velvetts, plushes send 40 or 50 Peices of a sort.

30. Of all silk wares take it for a certaine rule, that whatever is new gawdy or unusuall, will alwaies find a good price at our Candle. New wares sell well.

Evin Johnson Tho: Rayens to be imployed on Vessels, ℔ fer them? first vacancy if occasion to build 1 sloop, doe it wth frugality.

31. Wee have entertainted Mr Ewen Johnson & Mr Thomas Raynes to bee imployed in our small vessells, prefer them the first vacancy you have or shall see cause to make & if you find it needfull build one New sloope or two for them to be Masters of; at Madapollam or where you can build cheapest at the usuall wages we have given in such cases but alwayes be carefull not to putt us to any unnecessary charg, Frugality being a most principall meanes to the prosperity of our affaires.

Cause to be belive abuse in our Dyers.

32. Wee have greate cause to doubt, that wee have been abused in ye Charge and Imployment of our Dyers by setting them to worke for private concernes which is so fflagitious a fraude, that if there ware not other cause wee would seiz any of our servants, that had any hand or Interest [in?] that abuse of the particulars whereof give us the accot you can. Remember alwayes that the improvemt & Inlargemt: of our silk Dying is a matter of great Advantage to us & to this Kingdome in generall & if yu be so happy as to be ye Instrumts: of Avancing so great & publique a good We shall take espetiall notice of it to yor Advantage.

noe Letters to be dilivd ashore till Certaine their affaires is in regulation appointed.

33. Al tho wee doubt not or late Agent Masters did give due obedience to the Kings orders & ours, for resigning our Fort & Governmt of Fort St George & towne of Madraspatnam to or last appointed Agent Wm: Gyfford Esqr & the oher prsons we ordered last year to be of Councill there, Yet to prevent ye worst that Mad men may do, we have ordered or shipps to deliver no letters on shore, till they are Sattisfied, that our affaires there are under that Managmt: & regulation wch:, wee appointed by or last yeares letters and wee do order you notwithstanding any thing aforesaid in this letter that in case you should understand, that any prson do presume to head or manage our affaires at Fort St George aforesaid other then such as wee ordered and directed by or last Yeares lettes [*sic*] that in such [case] yu hold no Correspondency with them, but with Agent Gyfford Mr Wilks Mr Jno Bigrig & Mr Elihu Yale then appointed of or Councill whether they shalbe setled at Metchlepatam or any other place for or service & that yu do seize & dispose off for or: use ye goods & effects of any English whatsoever that yu shall understand are in disobedience or rebllion [*sic*] to his Maties: Comands or or Authority derived from his Matv at Fort St George or any other place in India.

to seize ye goods & Effects of any English man yt shall be disobedient to his Majtys Commands.

Notwithstanding ye order in ye 27 Paragraph, yt wt ever quantity above sd shall cary to England no more freight yn for like quantity of Iron Kentledge at £ s. d. 6 6 8 ℔ Ton.

34. Having appointed yu already to consigne all the Petre yu shall load on any of or Shipps this year above ye covenñted propoꝛcon of 16 Tons to each 100 Tons, unto or: Agent & Councill at the Fort, to be landed there, Wee thinck it necessary to prevent Misunderstandings hereafter that you should acquaint all the Comanders of or: ships that whatever Peter they carry for England above the proportion aforesaid they are to Expect no more freight for it then for the like quantity of Iron Kintlage vizt £ 6 : s. 6 : d. 8 : ℔ Ton, and upon those terms you may let them take in what they will, if you have can procure it for them without delaying their dispatch.

Mr Mathias Vincent pretence of Dustory receive 2½ ℔ Ct of ye Merchants to cause ye booke to be examind to Charge him wth wt he has thus defrayded us, if he shall refuse to pay seize soe much of his Estate as shall make Sattisfaction.

35. Upon examination wee doe find that Mr Mathias Vincent dureing the time of his Cheifeshipp at Hughly hath appropriate to his use under pretence of Dusturey or allowance for brokage or otherwise for keepeing ye accots two & a half ℔ Cent which hath bin paid him by the buyers of all or Silver & peeces of 8t over & above ye severall prices wch hee hath brought to accot, in our Bookes whih [*sic*] amounts to a very greate sume of money & wee are also further sattisfied that hee hath received two and a holf [*sic*] ℔ Cent or more upon all yre goods which he hath bought for or accots from the Merchants, all which as well as for what hee hath received from the ℔r sons to whome or Cloth, Lead & other goods have bin sold, wee doe require that yu, imediately upon or Agents arrivall cause the Bookes to bee examined & accordingly to charge him with wt he hath defrauded us in this nature both in buying or severall comidities, as well as in ye sale of or Silver & other goods and haveing adjusted ye sume wch hee hath so unjustly converted to his owne accot, wee doe order that yu demand the same from him and if he shall refuse to pay the same wee then in such case require you forthwith to seiz soe much of his Estate as shall make us Sattisfaction for the same, bringing it to his Creditt in or bookes, as well as charging him with the full sume he hath defrauded us of as aforesaid, We have also, reason to conclude that he

likewise did dureing y^e^ time of his Chiefeshipp at Cassambuzar, appropriate a larger sume then 2½ or [3] ℔^r^ Cent upon all o^r^ Investments of Silke & Taffaties made by him in y^t^ factory as wee were advised formerly from M^r^ Jos: Hall & others, & doe therefore order that you charge him with what y^u^ shall find upon examination hee hath there, in the like manner converted to his use under the spetious pretence of Dusturey, for that hee hath openly and publkely [*sic*] at Hughly owned this his Cheate of Dusturey saying that it was his due & that hee would receive it, nay hee hath bin soe audatious in this matter that when others whome wee apointed of Councill at Hughly hath made Investm^ts^, in y^e^ Country of divers goods for o^r^ acco^t^: whoe were more honest & Just to us in not bargaineing or taking Dusturey from y^e^ merchants of whome y^e^ said goods were bought w^ch^: hee the said M^r^ Vincent afterwards understanding sent for the said Merch^t^: & Imprizoned them untill hee had forced them to pay Dusturey thereupon audatiously affirmeing that it was his due as being Cheife.

reason to beleive he did att Cassambuzar appropriate a Larger sum y^n^ 2½ per Ct. to Charge him wth y^e^ same.

36. Haveing recovered from M^r^ Vincent what shall bee due to us as beformentioned & proceeded with him as wee have directed in a Clawse in o^r^: Agent Comission, wee would have you At a seasonable time after y^e^ dispatch of o^r^ shipps from Europe to Examine w^t^: Dusturey or other allowance y^e^ Chiefes of o^r^: other factoryes in the Bay have taken to themselves & to require sattisfaction to be made into our Cash for y^e^ same And for the future both at Hughly & in all o^r^ other factories under that Agency we doe require that noe Dusturey or other allowance bee taken or demanded by o^r^ Cheifes or Brokers or others for them from y^e^ Marchants to whome you sell or buy any of our Bullion or other Comodities but that when any our goods either bought or sold (which is to bee done by Consultation of o^r^ Agent & Councill at Hughly & Chiefe & Councill in o^r^ other factories) it bee then declared to y^e^ Merch^t^: that [No?] Dusturey or other allowance shall be taken or required by our Agent or Chiefes Brokers or others upon any pretence whatsoever that soe wee may bee sattisfied by o^r^: Bookes of acco^t^ w^t^ o^r^ Comodityes shall honestly & Justly be bought & sold for, and although this Cheate crept into y^e^ Bay in y^e^ begining of the former stocks settlement thereby Agent Billedge when the trade being very small & in considerable, hee allowed & encouraged this allowance of Dusturey to be made by the Merch^t^: to the Brokers for their encouragem^t^: it being then at such time that o^r^: Nacon had noe Knowledge of the Bay Trade & soe thought it convenient the y^e^ Broker Narrandus should for his encouragem^t^ y^e^ Better to entroduse o^r^ Nacon to the Knowledge of that trade & assist them in buyin & selling up in y^e^ country, which was but of very small value soe that from [hence] o^r^ Chiefes in y^e^ Bay have presumed to continue this cheate to w^t^ excese they pleased thereby to fill their purses by unjust gaynes out of o^r^ stock notwithstanding wee have given them soe large encourage^mt^ for Trade in India &c^a^ and therefore we doe now strictly require o^r^ Agent & Councills to reforme this abuse not onely at Hughly as aforesaid but also in o^r^ severall Factories under their direction being resolved to displace & rigorously to proceed against such as shall presume in y^e^ future to take or receive themselves or permitt others to receive any allowance for Dusturey or otherwise in the sales or buying of any our Comodities as Aforesaid.

to examine w^t^ Dustry other ffactories Cheifes doe receive in ye Bay, to require Sattisfaction to be made for same. No Dustry allow'd our Cheifs.

Dustore.

no dustry allow'd to be taken by any Cheif of any Factory.

Dustry.

37. And if you find that this old Custom of taking Dusturey cannot bee reformed as aforesaid then in such case wee would have you continue y^e^ same bringing it to o^r^ acco^t^: by keepeing an acco^t^ of Dusturey in o^r^ bookes paying there out your Servants & brokers Wages &c^a^., & give y^e^ like order to our other Factories under your Agency.

if it Cannot be reform'd Charge it to accot.

38. Wee herewith not onely send you a List of such goods as wee direct to be returned us from y^e^ Bay by o^r^ this yeares Shipping, but also have drawn it distinctly at such places as they are to be provided & where or neare unto they are made, & the refore wee do apoint that you send to each place for their provition viz^t^ to Cassambuzar to the vallue of £140000: in bullion & such other English or Europe Comodities as they shall advise for, to Pattana £14500 value to Maulda ℔ 15000: vallue to Ballasore £32000 value, Decca £16500 value, and for the overplus of what stock we send y^u^ this yeare (reserving onely £12500 value at Hughly & the

distinctions where & what goods to be provided.

severall proportions for o^{r} other factories as directed for y^{e} buying of such Comodities as wee have there ordered to be provided) wee would have y^{u} send y^{e} whole to Cassambuzar to bee Invested into severall Sorts of Raw silk because you cannot send us to much of that Comodity, & the like for such effects as you shall receive from time to time from China or y^{e} south seaes that soe it may not lye useless for o^{r} acco^{ts}, at Hughly but Imployed for y^{e} inlargment of o^{r} Investments of Raw Silk, w^{ch} wee desire y^{u} streniously to prosecute as y^{u} shall have money or effects soe to doe, & Likewise to take efectuall care that our Cheife & Councill at Cassambuzar doe puntually comply therein.

Investments into Raw silks.

39. As soone as it shall please God you have secured M^{r}. Vincent after our Agents arrivall at Hughly wee would have y^{u} forthwith to order M^{r} Job: Charnock & o^{r} Second to hime to repaire to Hughly & as soone as they have peroused o^{r} letters & Comission to o^{r} Agent, that then without loss of time you Consult & resolve where & how to dispose of o^{r}, bullion that shall arrive with you this season, And this wee must tell you that we have allwaies observed from our bookes of acco^{ts}, that it hath constantly sold to o^{r}, most advantage at Cassambuzar & were you shall upon serious Consultation find o^{r}, other goods will tourne us to best acco^{t}, let them be sent hither And at Pattana & Cassambuzar Lead Tinn & Tutenage &c^{a} sell att greate prices And also Broad Cloth at Pattana, it being bought there to be Transported to Agra & other places up in the Country.

To Consult whare & how to dispose of Bullion.

40. Haveing had large & long experience of the abillities & Integrity of M^{r}, John Beard our Warehousekeeper for Surratt Callicoes silk &c^{a} wee have therefore in confidence that hee will still retaine his integrity & lay out his parts for the promoteing of o^{r} service Encouraged him to proceed in o^{r} service by this Shipp the Defence for the Bay, where wee doe order that hee take place as second next o^{r} Agent (but when M^{r} Job Charnock is at Hughly hee is then in Councill & at o^{r} Table to take place next o^{r} Agent before M^{r} Beard) and in case M^{r} Charnocks death (w^{ch} God forbidd) or leaving o^{r} service hee is then in such case to Succeed him at Cassambuzar soe that he being a p^{r}son in whome wee repose soe much confidence next o^{r} Agent wee doe apoint that all respect & Countenance be shewed him in o^{r} service, his Sallary wee have Setled £200 ℔ ann & £100 Gratuety of w^{ch} £150 of his sallary is to be paid here in London according to his desire & the other £50 ℔ añn is to be paid in India But for y^{e} £100 ℔ añn Gratety it is to remayne untill is [*sic*] shall please God that hee returnes for England, w^{ch} we have great reason to hope his faithfull Service will well deserve the said £50 of his sallary comences at his arrivall in India w^{ch}, you are to take notice of and in regard hee goes not out as a perfect Accomptant for y^{e} keepeing of our bookes as usually doe o^{r} Seconds of all places in India and that hee may have the more leasure both in Publike as well as in private Consultations wth: o^{r}: Agent to hasten the dispatch of o^{r} Investments &c^{a} and often viewing o^{r} Callicoes & other goods in which he hath gained large experience in o^{r} service & before they are Packed, hee is to view & prove their sortments that wee may not be abused therein as formerly. And when M^{r} Richards shall be at Hughly he must assist M^{r} Beard therein. Wee therefore order that you direct for his assistance in the matter of acco^{ts}: M^{r} Mountage or such p^{r}son as he or you shall finde to be the ablest & fittingest person for that worke w^{ch} M^{r} Beard must Constantly Inspect to see that all things be truly & regularly entered, and the Bookes Closed & yearly sent us with y^{e} bookes of y^{e} subordinate Factories accompanying yo^{r} Consultation Bookes &c^{a}, And M^{r} Beard is not to bee removed from Hughly on any consideration, unless it be to succeed M^{r} Charnock as before mentioned or to quicken our Investment at Cassambuzar if need shall require.

M$_{r}$. Beard to be 2d, next or, Agent.

M$_{r}$: Beards sallery.

Mr. Beard to view & prove ye sortments.

Wis to see the books Closed.

41. Wee have also entertained M^{r} Jn^{o} Richards o^{r}: Warehousekeeper for Coast & Bay Goods of whome wee have also had large Experience, wee apoint him to bee Chief of Ballazore, and when at Hughly hee is to take place in Councill next M^{r} Beard we desire he may bee often consulted with about y^{e} well makeing & Packing o^{r} Callicoes severall sorts, as also espetially Ginghams & Nillaes, y^{e} usuall defects in

Entertained Mr John Richards Warehouskeepr.

w^ch^ Comodities, hee can best give you at larg by word of mouth & Instructing y^e^ merchants and Weavers whoe doe make & provide them, His sallary is £120 ℔ ann to comence from the time of his arrivall and in regard hee takes his family with him, hee is to receive his ½ part of sallary in India according to our standing Rules deducting £30 a year thereof of w^ch^: is to be paid here And for y^e^ lessening of o^r^ Charges at Ballasore wee doe direct that after y^e^ dispatch of o^r^: Europe Shipping, he repaire to Hughly as hath bin usuall & remaine there as long as o^r^ affaires & provition of goods under his imediate care will admitt of.

His Sallery to Commence from his arrivall.

42. But for the better & more orderly carrying on o^r^ affaires by Joynt advice, Wee doe direct that ther shall bee allwaies at Hughly a Standing Councill consisting of 4 p^r^ sons besides o^r^ Agents And at p^r^ sent wee doe apoint the Councill to bee viz^t^ M^r^ John Beard next our Agent M^r^ Francis Ellis 3^d^ M^r^ Joseph Dodd 4^d^ and M^r^ William Johnson 5^d^ in Councill.

The Counll is to Consist of 4 Viz^t^ Mr Beard &ca.

43. And when M^r^ Charnock, M^r^ Richards or other Chiefes of our Factories in the Bay shall be at Hughly (as nominated in o^r^ Agents Comission) wee likewise order them to bee of Councill, And we doe direct that o^r^ Agent w^th^: the Standing Councill doe frequently meete (that is to say) twise or thrice a weeke or oftner if there bee occation who are to register all their proceedings & subscribe thereunto w^ch^ being kept faire in a booke for that purpose is yearly to be sent us for England & noe buyings or sellings or any of those considerable busines to be done or acted w^th^ out advice & consent of o^r^ Standing Councill And they also to take care to comply w^th^, all other things that are to bee acted & done as will more at large apeare in our Printed Standing Rules for o^r^ Agents Cheifes & Councills which said Rules & orders wee herew^th^ now send y^u^, & therefore referr y^u^ thereunto.

that or agent w^th^ a standing Counll doe frequently meet. their Consultations to be sent home yearly to Engld. noe Commerce to be without Consent of Coull. Rules here sent to be observed.

44. Notwithstanding wee have Indulged Raw silk to be bought & sold by o^r^ factors & servantes in India, yet you are to take notice that you are not to permitt or suffer any of that Comodity to be bought up by or for the acco^t^, of any of o^r^ said factors or servants untill such time as o^r^ orders are duely & fully compleated therein even soe far as wee. have or shall send effects, or that you can take up monies upon Exchange or at Interest as we have directed for doeing the same, of this o^r^: order you are not onely to take perticular notice yo^r^ Selves, but also give notice thereof to all o^r^ servants & other English within yo^r^ Agency of the Bay and with all to let know that if any shall presume to obstruct or inhance the prices of y^e^ said Comodity, by being compettitors with us in buying or contracting for the same, that then in such case wee doe esteeme them as persons not fitting to bee Intrusted in o^r^ Service, and therefore order that if there shall bee any such after you have given notice thereof, that you dismiss them o^r^ Service & send them for England, It being the principall Comodity that wee cannot allow o^r^ Servants to bee compettitors with us in.

notwithstanding ye indulgence you are not to be suffer any Commodity to be bought by factrs &ca till Completed so long as shall send Effects, or take up upon Intrest.

45. Although wee have for the reasons in our Instructions & out of p^r^ticuler esteeme & respect to o^r^ Agent Hedges made the Bay of Bengala a distinct Agency without any dependance upon y^e^ Fort, yet wee doe require that this o^r^ respect shall not put you upon a higher port of liveing, by an extravagancy of Expence in servants, Dyett &c^a^ And doe noe wayes doubt but that you will considerably retrench the exhorbitant Expences that hath bin dureing the Chiefeshipp of M^r^ Vincent (from whom we shall require Sattisfaction for the same) And that you carefully observe our former Establishm^t^ for Expences or conforme as neare thereunto as posssibly you can.

retrench the Exhorbitan Expences that hath bin during the Cheif Ship of Mr. Vincent.

46. Wee would have you to provide 200 Tons of yo^r^ best Sugar to lye in readines at Ballasore for such Shipps as we may have Occation to order for Persia or otherwise.

to have 200 Tonns of Sugar, in readiness att Ballasore.

47. We have by a generall Court held the 2^d^ of this Instant November ordered all our adventures to pay into our Cashire Generall the other Moyety of their subscribed stocks viz^t^ 50 ℔ Cent upon the 29^th^ Septem^br^: next & 50 ℔ Cent more upon the 29^th^: of November following which shall be in y^e^ year of our Lord 1683 whereby you may see our Resolution of carrying on our trade is not abated by opposition but greatly augmented.

adventurers ordered to pay in ye othr moitie of Stock viz^t^ 50 ℔ Ct.

reasons that moved us to order ye Johana for Coast & Bay.

48. Agent Hedges being present at o^r. Debates knowes already the grounds and reasons that moved us to order the Johanna for the Coast and Bay w^ch: Ship makes up the number of 6 three deck Shipps, designed thither this year, our Resolution being to enlarge our trade for obviating the designes not only of Interlopers but of y^e. Dutch likewise who are sending out 20 Shipps this year & to intend to imitate us in Haveing their Shipps in that trade returne directly from y^e. Coast & Bay & not to send the goods of those parts by the way of Batavia as formerly.

Raw Silk send.

49. Wee have alwayes declined, as you will find by former yeares letters Throwne Silke, Although there be now [*sic*] law in England against the importation of it, but now being to vye with the Dutch in o^r. owne way of trade w^ch. we were never before putt to Wee would have you provide for us, & send us home every year, as well as this, what you can procure thereof (not exceeding 100 bales) soe as it lessens not o^r. provision of Raw silk, w^ch. wee would have keept full to the utmost w^ch. notwithstanding wee doe not intend to sell it in England but after wee have it here wee export it again for France or Holland w^ch. wee know is a good & nationall service; by which his Ma^ty. will gaine half Custome, our Shipping Double Freight, and ourselves ℔ adventure as much, as by most other Comodities y^t. wee sell at home.

promote the throwing of all Silk.

50. Although upon the Consideration aforesaid & for forraigne Expence wee would have you, promote the throwing of silk all you can for o^r. yearly sales, yet wee would have you enquire how Elliot & other of o^r. servants that hee hath made skilfull in that way have been paid for these yeares past, since his arrivall in y^e. Bay, in w^ch. time he hath workt for M^r. Vincent M^r. Littleton & others certifie the whole charge & abuse in this matter, that wee may putt the same to their Accompts.

Coull. Factors, Writers, sent out in the Bay.

51. Wee have besids M^r. John Beard & M^r. John Richards before named entertainted Joseph Dodd & M^r. W^m. Johnson who are established of the Councill & also M^r. W^m. Rushworth Factors at the sallary of £20 each ℔ ann and also for writers James Ravenhill John Beard Jun^r. Sam^ll. Langley, Leonard Bray & Charles Sidenham each at £10 a year their sallaries to comence from their arrivall in the Bay.

Mr. John Byam dismist Cheif of Baliesore &ca.

52. Wee have thought Good to dismiss M^r. John Byam Cheif of Ballasore M^r. Sam^ll. Harvy Cheif of Decca & M^r. Fitch Needham Chief of Maulda from their respective imployments whereof y^u. are to take notice.

objections against Mr. Vincent.

53. Wee send y^u. three papers of y^e. Auditors objections against M^r. Vincent and his acco^ts. w^ch: matters wee do not Intend should pass under a formall mimick exacon there as impertinently done formerly to o^r. cost but get all y^e. proofes you can and send them concerning these or any other abuses or Injuries done us that wee may discompt with him here out of what you shall seiz of his there.

Wee shall not further enlarge then by commending you & o^r. affaires to the Blessing and guidance of the Almighty wee remaine

Your loveing Friends

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

LONDON THE 30TH NOVEMBER 1681.

His Majeys Proclamation in all ffactores wth great solemnity, noe English persons or Vessells trade without passes.

Gives passes to natives Customary fees.

Wee send you with this packquet 30th of his Ma^ties: Proclamations which we would have you cause to be proclamied or published in all our Factories, with greatest Solemnity you can, and for the future to suffer no English persons Ships or Vessells to trade without our passes nor any Natives that have usually had our passes to our owne Factors and servants that wee have given a liberty of Trade (so as they use that liberty not to our detriment) and also to Natives you may give our passes at the accustomary fees but not any that are not Natives or in our Service, without paying for them a duty to us, as in your discretions you can agree not exceeding 2 ℔ Cent of the value of Ship & goods. In which at first we desire not that you should be rigorous but bring them by degrees to Comply with what is reasonable towards our vast charge of procuring & maintaining our Priviledges in India as well as here.

And to the intent you may be the fuller impowered to condemn all English Ships and goods that shalbe traded in or for in India contrary to his Ma^{ties}: Charter We have procured an additionall Charter impowering us to Judge and condemn in India &c^{a}· A copy of which Charter you shall have herewith if we can get it pass the seals time enough to go by this ship otherwise you shall have it by our Coast Ships that are to saile after Christmas, We shall likewise endeavowr to procure some blanck Comissions for the Comanders of our small Vessells from his Ma^{ty}: of the tenour of those granted to Cap^{t} Heath and Cap^{t} Wilshaw.

An addi. tionall Charter to Condemn &c^{a} Judge In India.

We hear of no Privateer yet set out from hence but onely the Head ffrigot, which being got as farr as the Downes, the Owners & ffreighters have since the coming forth of his Ma^{ties}: Said Proclamation sold us the whole ship and goods, and we have put in one M^{r} Thomas Raynes to be Comander of her and ordered her to saile with the Defence and to remaine in the Country for our Service there and if she sail well may be imployed to pick up any small vessells that saile without our Passes, for bigger Privateers you must employ our Europe Ships and if any of them refuse to obey therein the Kings Comission Proclamation and our Orders, protest against them and load no goods on board them homewards for our Acco^{ts}· If you can by other Ships send us home all our fine goods which we alwaies do most desire.

noe privateer but head frigot since his Majis Proclamation sold us ye whol ship & goods.

if any disobey the kings Comission protest against them & Load no goods.

We are thus resolute and positive in our orders touching this matter, because we are advised by our Councel and fine [*sic*] by late experience that the Interloping trade is onely and effectually to be destroyed in India.

we are resoulut in ye matter of Interlopers.

We have taken our Now Patent for all Interlopers &c^{a}: to be condemned and sold for his Ma^{ties}: use, which if we had desired we might as easily have had to our owne use, but we are not covetous of any mans goods but our owne, but resolved to bring all persons in India to a conformity to his Ma^{ties}: Charter and in order thereunto if there be occasion, We hereby impower you to reward the Comand^{r} and Seamen of any of our ships that shall seiz any Interloper within the limitts of our Charter with one third part of the reall proceed of any Interloper that they shall seiz and bring in to you to be condemned according to his Ma^{ties}: Charter now granted us and proclamation, Which third part given as a reward to such of our Comanders and Seamen We doubt not but to procure his Ma^{ties}: allowance of, the other thirds you are to bring to an acco^{t}: apart for his Ma^{ties}: use.

Patent for Interlopers to be Condemnd & sold for Majys use reward to be made.

Commrs: & seamen take Interlopers wth 1/3^{pt}.

Till we know hou our head frigot shall prove, or what occasion you may have for her there, we can give you no limitted order concerning her use, but in generall take this for a Standing rule, never to keep any Vessell idle upon our charge nor to send them up to the ffort if there be roome enough in our Europe ships to carry up so much salt petre & Turmerick to the ffort as we have ordered The consequence whereof is if you employ her in Hughly River while our ships are there you may send her after such employment to M^{r} Gibbs our Agent in Persia with proper Sugars for that place.

never keep any vessell Idle upon our Charge.

And if you cannot contrive a more gainfull employment for her fail not to bespeake and contract for her Sugars in due time that she may be instantly dispatched for Persia as soone as you have done with her at Hughly.

Gent^{n}· Thus farr is agreed by the Court, but in regard wee shall have no other Court till Monday, and are in hast to send away all our dispatches to you I am unwilling to delay this and therefore send it you under my owne hand with this addition that yesterday upon M^{r} Ely's Survey of the Head ffrigot, the Court did resolve not to venture mens lives in such a crazie weak vessell & therefore have ordered Cap^{t} Heath to take out her provisions, or so much of them as he thinks fitt and all her Wine & Cloth, and we have ordered M^{r} Rayines to return on board the Defence & the Chief mate of the Head frigot to bring her up to Blackwall, where we intend to sell her & put her lead on board Cap^{t}: Wildy for Syam. The wine being a Comodity Subject to dacay as wel as to embezlement we do desire you to dispose of on the best terms you can as soon as y^{u} shall arrive at Hughly or the greatest part of it because when our other Coast Ships shall come to you from the ffort We doubt they may bring soe much as may make it a drugg Notwithstanding we shall by M^{r} Lewes caution as many of our Comand^{rs} & officers as he can speak with that they do not injure themselves nor us by carrying too much Wine to the Bay this year.

Survey head frigot not found good.

Caution to Officers not to Carry too much wine to ye Bay this yeare.

quantityes of raw Silk to be sent home by first shiping & all sorts to be ꝑvided.

Once more I do heartily recomend to your especiall care the providing of large quantityes of raw Silk and all sorts of wrought silks especially blacks & Colours of the English dying, to be sent us by this yeares Shipping & most especially what you can by the first ship and that as soon as ever it shall please God you have well and seasonably dispatched the Six 3 deck Ships sent you this year you do imediately go in hand & contract for as large quantities of all sorts as you can possibly procure of all sorts raw & wrought against the following year w^{ch} wilbe in the year 1684 w^{ch} wilbe a most acceptable Service to the Compa and Highly advance you in their esteem and in no mans more then

Your afectionate friends

JOSIA CHILD Gov^{R}.

to send of herba or Tersera thread or yarn.

M^{r} Edwin very Seasonably just now acquaints me that 200 bales of herba or Tersera thred or yarn will sell very well as qualified in the list which send accordingly tho there be But 20 mentioned in the list. Fail not to send our mony to the severall factories to be invested according to our order in the generall letter and our list of goods which is a matter of great importance as well as of great advantage to us.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGAL.

LONDON THE 23TH DECEMB^{R}: 1681.

The preceeding letter of the 30th of Novemb^{r} last wee confirme and doe send you this Copy thereof under y^{e} signature of the Court at the Governors instance, because the original which you received before was, for hast, Signed onely by the Governo^{r}.

Now upon further consideration of a trade to that vast Country of Persia which we have suffered too long to lye fallow, we doe after this year, intend to send you yearly, a Shipp for that trade and to interest our Agent at the Bay $\frac{1}{8}$ M^{r}. John Beard $\frac{1}{8}$ & $\frac{1}{16}$ for acco^{t} of our Agent at Persia, And accordingly wee doe desire you to provide a proper Cargo to the value of 8, 10 or 12000£ of Persia goods against the month of August or Septemb^{r}: come twelve months; concerning which wee shall write you more largely by our next Ships: and of such aquitable terms as we shall propose to interest our said Agent & Second to him M^{r} Beard in this undertaking, which wilbe to your advantage. Wee are

Your loveing friends

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL IN THE BAY OF BENGALA.

LONDON THIS 18TH: JANUARY 1681.

Resolution to sail directly for Porto Novo for Preventing Interlopers, take ordrs from Coull. of Fort.

We have upon further consideracon of our affairs, thought fitt to order the Resolution to sail directly to Porto Nova and on his arrivall there to dispatch advice (by the soonest opportunity) to our Agent and Councill at the Fort of his coming thither, where he is to continue, for preventing (what in him lies) the supply of any interloping Ships, with any goods whatsoever, and to follow the further orders of our said Agent and Councill at the ffort.

engross Turmerick in ye Bay, & to lade it at ½ freight.

We also direct, that upon your arrivall in the Bay you forthwith buy up and ingrosse what quantityes of Turmerick you can procure so as not thereby to raise the price of that comodity and to lade it on our Europe Ships by Shooting it in the Hold at half Freight.

Store of Peter at Ballisore.

Be sure alwaies to have a Stock of 400 tons of saltpetre in Our Godownes at Ballasore for furnishing our ships on all Occasions.

We have rec[d] advice from M[r]· Job Charnock of his being at last setled Chief at Cassambuzar and are confirmed in our opinion of the neglect of our positive orders made concerning him & the injury he thereby recd and are fully satisfied that our respects to him are well placed & on that acc[t]: would have you treat him as one of our most ancient & best servants. neglect of our positive orders concerning Mr. Chernok

And finding M[r]· John Pownset now Second at Decca is a person well versed in the Cloth and other goods made in those parts & that industriously he seekes the good of the Company. We would have you on your arrivall to appoint him to be Chief at Decca, and to give such orders for invesm[ts] there as are pursuant to what we have written in a List of goods to be provided there and to send him up the full quantity of money enordered for that Place as soon as you can. Mr. Pownsett Cheif of Decca send full quantitye of money in order'd for ye place.

We have now setled our whole designed ffleete for India this Season of which you have a list under menconed.

OUR CHIEF & FACTORS AT MECHLEPATAM — LONDON, 8TH FEBRUARY 1681.

In answer to yo[rs]: of 19[th] february 1680. We cannot now (by reason of the late arrival of our 3 last Coast Ships) advise how we finde our goods Shipt by you come out as to their prices & goodness; but we intend to be particular in that in o[r]: last Ship which will be y[e] Society.

By what appears to us in y[e] method of carrying on o[r] busines, We must doe you right in owning yo[r] proceedings to have been orderly & regular but espetially we give you our thanks & yo[r] due comendations for yo[r] fidelity & prudence in frustrating the designed trade of the Interloopers Ally at yo[r] place. Had other persons been as faithful in y[e] discharge of their duties in that respect, we should have been troubled with few other English Interlopers for some years. thanks for yor frustrating the Interlopers there.

We send you enclosed a list of y[e] goods we have ordered to be provided at yo[r] place & Madapollam, for w[th] [*sic*] we have appointed o[r] Agent and Council at the fort to send you down a Stock of [*lacuna in the original*] Our purpose is as well as by other means, so likewise by overtrading them to discourage all Interlopers and therefore we would have you by noe means to fall short of yo[r] proportion of goods of any kind: and if you should unavoidably be necessitated to be short in some few sorts, be sure to enlarge as much in some others, y[t] you may preserve the reputation you have acquired with us by yo[r] last years fidelity & managery. a List of goods inclosed to be had att Madaplm· & yor. place.

Besides what we have ordered by o[r] list to be provided at yo[r] place & Madapollam, we doe now direct our Agent & Council at the fort to invest at pettapolle to the value of 40 or 50000 £ in such sorts of goods as are best & Cheapest to be had at that place; concerning which you will receive orders from them which wee desire you to pursue with all diligence & Prudence. ordrs· to Counll· to invest att Pettepoll more yn ordred by List.

Your loveing friends

SAM[LL]: THOMSON. JOSEPH HERNE. JAM: WARD. JOHN DUBOIS. JOHN CUDWORTH. THO: CANHAM. NATH LETTEN. JN[O]: LAWRENCE SAM: MOYER. J[A]: EDWARDS. JE SAMBROOKE. RI HUTCHINSON. JN[O]: MORDEN. BERKLEY. JOS[A]: CHILD GOV[R]: THO: PAPILLON DEP[Y]: SAM[LL]: BARNARDISTON. JOSEPH ASHER. WILL[M]: SEDGWICKE.

OUR AGENT & COUNCILL AT HUGHLY. — LONDON Y[E] 10[TH]: OF MARCH 1681.

Upon opening the Arundee Yarne Wee finde it cross reeled and soe it is not fit for any use therefore you must give especiall charge y[t] it be single reeled as y[e] silke is, However, send us noe more than Twenty bales of yarne & twenty bailes of Cloth but better bought by 30 ℔ Cent than y[t] wee received this year. yarn cross reeld to be better bought by 30: ℔ Ct.

advanced Mr Lesely in pt of Sallery £ 20 Chaplaine.

2. Wee have advanced to Mr Lesley or Chaplaine now wth you Twenty pounds in part of his Salary: besides what wee allowed him for the accomodation of his Voyage wch £ 20 you are to defaulke.

Society goe directly for Bay.

3. This goes by the Lancaster being ye last Ship Wee intend for the Fort this year. The Society not yet fitted, Wee designe as wee formerly wrote you shall by reason of her lateness, goe directly for ye Bay and shall stay there to receive the last of yor goods after you have dispatched all or other Shipps.

by her to send 20: Soldrs: & Corpll.

to prevent Pitts going up river Ganges & Ships.

4. If this shipp come time enough to ye Fort Wee have ordered or: Agent & Councell, by her or some other to send you downe twenty English Soldiers more, with a Corporall to stay wth: you dureing the season for Shipping of goods & so much longer as you shall finde it needfull to detaine them: Which wee doe not as expecting there should be any fighting between English and English, but onely for ye better countenance to our affaires in Bengall & to prevent Pitts who is a Huffing Fellow from out braveing or People upon ye shore ye rather because it may be possible That he being so well acquainted may carry both the Crowne & the [*lacuna in the original*] up the river Ganges & lye before your Towne of Hughly where as wee have but one shipp small enough to goe up so farr Viz^t^ the Welfare & she Less then either of the other two.

John Kidwell for his unfaithfullness to be sent to England. to send home John Kidwell being a private trader.

5. There is one John Kidaell [*sic*] formerly Purser of the new London who behaved himselfe very unfaithfully in ye last voyage & lay obscure for many Months & afterwards took his passage on the arcana Mrchant for the Bay where wee understand he now is & he haveing been a great Private Trader, wee desire therefore you will make inquiry after him and seize upon him by your Peons and send him for England by the first Shipp.

Chief of Pattana Mr Pococks abuse in sorting of goods, to send him & all othr servts trusted in yt buissnes.

6. Wee are well informed that Mr Pocock Chief of Pattana is a Creature of Mr Vincents & that this last yeare he did wickedly abuse us in ye Sorting of ou [*sic*] Romalls & other goods besides which information wee finde upon our owne viewe; all or goods soe abominably sorted from ye Bay that without such information Wee should conclude those imployed in that worke there, unfaithfull to us & confederates wth Vincent wherefore wee doe hereby order you to discharge the Mr Pocock from our Service, & send him home Putting such person as you shall judge most trustie to us & able to discharge ye Place into ye Chiefship of pattana aforesaid.

Achar to be sent home.

Ye mannar of putting up.

Designed for Presents.

7. Wee would have you to provide for us every yeare aboute Twenty small Jarrs of that bigness that our green ginger come from Bantam in of Acharr of severall sorts viz^t^ tenn of yor best Mangoes Six of Lyme and the other 4 of Bamboe if procurable wth: you Wee would not have you to Chinamb the topp of them over, but to have a cover of wood fitted to the mouth of ye Jarr & then covered over wth pitch and a peece of an old saile cloth pitched upon ye topp of ye Jarr and tyed round the mouth of the Jarr & lett ye cloth be stuck to ye Jarr 2 or 3 Inches belowe the tying then lett the Jarr be gunned all over & after roped about & take ℔ticular care to order ye Capt: to keepe them (if possible) in ye great cabbin or some very Coole place in the Shipp. They being ℔ticularly intended for Presents Wee have not els to add but comending you and our affairs to the Blessing & guidance of the Almighty We remaine

Your loveing freinds.

P.S.

If any of or Shipps designed this year for the Bay should happen to loose theire Monsoon & theirby be forced to make a winter voyage wch we hope will be prevented In such case wee would have you advise our Comandrs yt if they can not gett bout ye Cape, they may stopp at the Mauritious where our Shipp ys year mett wth very good refreshmt

OUR CHIEF & FACTORS AT MADAPOLLAM. LONDON 8TH FEBRUARY 1681.

We have yours of 5th May by the Eagle but she arriving so late with us that her goods are not yet landed, we can pass noe approbation or censure of them; of that you shall hear from us hereafter.

But upon perusal of yor copie of yor Consultations, as you call them wee observe great slightnes & deficiency, as you will hear more ꝑticularly from or Agent & Council, whom we ordered to see all things kept up to that good Method as was observed in the Begining of Mr Hattons Cheifship there.

Great slightness in Consultations ordrs. to agt. & Counll. to see them keeep in beter method.

Inclosed we send you a list of such goods as are to be provided at yor [*a word or two lost*] Metchlepatam concerning which we require yor exact pursuance of all such orders as you shall receive from our Agent & Council and particularly, that yor Cloth be well sorted, & the full quantities of every Kind provided.

List of goods. to keep all ordrs. Exactly from Agent & Counll.

Wee remaine

Your loveing freinds

BERKLEY.	JOSA CHILD GOVERNOUR.
SAMLL BARNADISTON.	THO PAPILLON DEPY.
SAMLL MOYER.	JOSEPH ASHER.
JE SAMBROOKE.	JNO: LAWRENCE.
RI HUTCHINSON.	JA EDWARDS.
JNO MORDEN.	SAMLL. THOMSON.
JOSEPH HERNE.	JAN WARD
JOHN DU BOIS.	THO CANHAM.
JOHN CUDWORTH.	WILL: SEDGWICKE
NOTH LETTEN.	
EDWARD RUDGE.	

Souldiers Entertained to serve ye Honoble: East India Company five years after their arrivall at ye Bay of Bengala Each ꝑson being to Receive Twenty one Shillings ꝑ Mon and thirteen Mons to ye year their pay to begin at their arrivall at ye sd Bay of Bengala, Out of wch Allowance Each man is to find himself wth provisions & other accomodations The Compa: for their incouragement give each souldier fforty Shilling as a ffree gift in Case he shall goe the voyage; pay; pay his passage over Give him a hatt Read Coate Stockings, bed Rugg pillow Read Capp and Hammock ye 18 day of November 1681. Vizt: Soldr: bond.

		£	s	d
Godfrey Peck Corporall	at 30 ꝑ Mon Recd	Recd 3	–	–
Peter Labourd	at 21 ꝑ mon	Recd 2	–	–
Tho: Threlkeld	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Jno Hills	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Hen Pomtell	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Ja: Pomfeett	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Jno: Whittamore	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Edwd: Walter	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Samll: Perscy	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Tho: Haynes	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Tho: Bennet	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
Henry Allnutt	at Do	Recd 2	–	–
John Coldwell	at Do	Recd 2	–	–

	£	s	d
James Steward at 21 ℔ mon	Recd 2	:	:
Caleb Gravenerat at D°	Recd 2	:	:
John Wingreen at D°	Recd 2	:	:
Geo Hawksmore at D°	Recd 2	:	:
Geo Arundell at D°	Recd 2	:	:
Tho: Anderson at D°	Recd 2	:	:
Alix[a] Keneday at D°	Recd 2	:	:
Lawrence Slaughter D°	Recd [...]		

At a Court of Comittees holden 30[th] Novem[br] 1681.

the Commds to take degree Vist. Upon consideration this day of y[e] Comp[a]: Shipping this year desined for India, It is ordered that the severall Commanders thereof in their Outward & homeward bound Voyage be ranked & take Degree as followeth, Cap[t] Francis Willshaw in y[e] Resolution to be Admirall, wear y[e] fflagg, but during y[e] time y[t] Agent Hedges is on board the Defence Cap[t] Heath is to wear y[e] fflagg outward bound Cap[t] Rich Goodlad in y[e] Lancaster to be Vice Admirall, Cap[t] Warner in y[e] Williamson, to be Reer Admirall,

Cap[t] Will[m]: Wildy in y[e] Wellfare.
Cap[t] Ledger in y[e] Samson.
Cap[t] Sandland in y[e] Nathaniell.
Cap[t] Prestwick in y ffaulcon.
Cap[t] John Babb in y[e] Johanna.

Ship William John seiz'd forfetied. At the Court at Whitehall the 19[th]: October 1681.

By y[e] Kings most Excellent Ma[ty] & the Lords of his Ma[ties]: most hono[ble]: Privy Councell.

Whereas the R[t]: Hono[ble]: the Lords Commission[r] of his Ma[ties]: Treasury did this day p[r]sent to the Bourd a Report from the Com[rs]: of the Customs touching the goods & loading of the Ship William & John Lately entred in the Port of London from, Muscatt, W[ch]: had been seized for his Ma[ty] as forfeited, by the act of Navigation, and were afterwards forceably taken away, by the Sheriffs Officers, by colour of a Replevin, the Kings lock upon the warehouse Door; where they were secured being broken off, As by the said Report & Affidavit thereof at large appears It was Ordered by his Ma[ty] in Councill, that the said Report and Affidavit & other papers be sent to S[r] Robert Sawyer his Ma[ties]: Attorney Gener[ll]: who is to bring an Information at the Kings Suit in his Ma[ties]: Court of Excheqr against the Sheriffs of London for awarding A Replevin to take the said Goods, being seized for his Majestie, out of the Costody of the Law and Refusing to put the same into the former State And that he prosecute the said Sheriffs for the same, as far as the Law will permit.

Nouerint vnivesi per piñtes me Valentiñn Cullen mix de Dover in Coñ Kent Nautam filium Nichi Cullen de Dover prdict Mercator tener et firmr obligar Gubernator & societat Mercator Londin negotiant ad Indos Oriental in Quingentis libris legal monete Anglie soluceoñ eisdem Gubnator et Societat Successor vel assigñ suis. Ad quam quidem Soluceeñ bene et fidelr faciend obligo, me heredes executor et admstrat in eos firmr ℔ pñtes sigello ineosigillat Dat Vicesimo quinto die November Año Dñ: 1681 Annoreg Caroli Secundi Tricesimo tertio.

Vallantine Cullen gon to India wthout ye Comps Leave to traffique. Whereas the abovebound Valentine Cullen is without the privity or consent of the above named Governor & Comp[a] lately gon into the East Indies there to trade and triffique contrary to his Ma[ts]: Charter granted to the said Comp[a], Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said Valentine Cullen doe & shall from time to time abide & reside at such place & places in the said Indies as shalbe appointed him by the said Companies Agent & Council at Fort S[t]. George, or by their Agent & Councill in the Bay of Bengala, and shall not trade or deal in any kind of Goods or merchandises prohibited by the said Comp[a] Nor shall act or doe any

matter or thing whatsoever to the prejudice or damage of the said Comp^as affayrs ; but shall in all things demean himself according to the Rules prescribed to others who not being in the Companies immediate service are permitted to remayn in the said Indies then this obligation to be void ; or els to remayn & be in full force & virtue.

Sealed & delivered in the
presence of

LIST OF FORREIGN BULLION LADEN ON BOARD THE RESOLUTION FOR ACCOUNT OF PERTICULAR PERSONS, (VIZ^T)

Jeremy Sambrooke	2034 oz forreign Silver.
S^r Josiah Child, Tho : Papillon Esq^r & Comp^a.	£ 750 value ditto.
John Richards	200 : £ do ditto.
ditto	50 : £ do : gold & silver thred.
W^m : Hedges Esq^r	8000 p^s
Grimstone Luckin	30 lb value
Cap^t Francis Wilshaw...	883 lb ditto
John Tillotson	20 lb ditto
Edw^d : Bulkley	500 oz forreign silver.
Peter Jones	10 lb value
Henry Mose	100 p^s 8
John Littleton...	250 lb value

LIST OF FORREIGN BULLION &C : LADEN FOR ACCOUNT OF PERTICULAR PERSONS ON BOARD THE WILLIAMSON VIZ^T :

John Bathurst Esq^r : & Comp^a :	1000 p^s 8
Hugh Reason	500 ditto
Jonathan Prickman	612 oz forreign silver
James Rudge	500 p^s 8/8
Elizabeth Browne	218 ditto
Thomas Cross	196 ditto
Michael Godfrey	100 £ value gold & Silver lace.
Nicholas Reynardson	1000 p^s 8/8
Rob : Adderton	100 £ value in forreign silver.
Cap^t : Richard Warner ... ... } ditto for the ships Exspence ... ... }	6109 p^s 8/8
John Bass	437 ditto
William Legatt	200 ditto
William Grammer	20 £ value in gold & silver lace.
Sarah Gifford	132 £ ditto

LIST OF FORREIGN BULLION &C : LADEN FOR ACCOUNT OF PERTICULAR PERSONS ON BOARD THE NATHANIEL.

John Terry	46 £ value of gold and silver lace.
Nath : Letton	65 oz forreign gold
ditto	1 Diamond Ring
S^r James Oxinden	37 oz forreign gold
Cap^t : John Sandland ... ... } ditto for the ships Exspence ... ... }	6109 p^s 8/8

LIST OF FORREIGN BULLION &C : LADEN FOR ACCOUNT OF PERTICULAR PERSONS ON BOARD THE LANCASTER.

Natthaniel Letton	65 oz forreign gold
William Goodlad	2182 p^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$
Samuel Limbrey	437 ditto
Cap^{t} Richard Goodlad...	6109 ditto
ditto for the ships Exspence	
Nathaniel Letton Jun^{r}	2500 p^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$.
Edward wheeler	25 oz forreign Gould.

Riginald Tucker 85 oz. wrought plate & 3 yards gold & silver lace.
S^{r} Jeremy Sambrooke 51^{lb} : 10^{oz} value in gold & silver thred.
John Cooke 5^{oz} of forreign gold.
John Morden 30^{oz} forreign gold.
Ralph Harwar 3000^{oz} forreign silver.
Natthaniel Letton Jun^{r} 1000 p̃ $\frac{8}{8}$.
ditto ... ... 1^{lb} Gold & Silver lace.

Richard Gresham 218 p^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$.

LIST OF THE RESOLUCONS PACKETT FOR FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

No. 1 Copies of the Compa^{s} Gen^{lls} : to y^{e} Fort dated 15th : March 1680 22th Aprill & 20th May 81.
2 Copies of the Compa^{s} Gen^{ll} : to Hughly of the 22th Aprill 20th May & 22th July 1681.
3 Companies Generall to fort S^{t} George dated 18th Novemb^{r} : 1681.
4 Compa^{s} Generall to y^{e} fort of y^{e} 30th Novemb^{r} : 1681.
5 Invoice of y^{e} Resolution.
6 Bill of Ladeing for Ditto Shipp.
7 Charterparty of the Resolution (2 Copies).
8 Copy of Commission to y^{e} Agent and Councill in y^{e} Bay.
9 List of Souldiers that were sent to y^{e} Bay, & to be returned to y^{e} Fort.
10 Orders for proceedings to be had against y^{e} Sherrifs of London.
11 M^{r} Valentine Cullens Bond.
12 Rules & orders for religious & pious deportment of Factors &c^{a}.
13 Rules & orders for manageing of y^{e} Compa^{s} Affaires in India.
14 Indulgence of Trade to Factors dated 20th : Aprill 1681.
15 Indulgence of Trade to Seamen D^{o} : date
16 Orders of a Generall Court of y^{e} 2^{d} : Novemb^{r} 1681 for bringing in y^{e} remaind of the Adventur^{s} ; Subscriptions.
17 Orders of 20th August 1680 touching y^{e} takeing up mony on Bottomree.
18 The Oath of a Freeman.
19 Compa^{s} ord^{rs} of 31th : Octob^{r} : 1679 for prevention of Frauds &c^{a} :
20 Compa^{s} grant of 5 peeces of Callicoes to every Seamen 10th Aug^{t} : 1681 free of stated Damages.
21 His Ma^{ties} Proclamacõn against Interlopers (30 sent).
22 Order of Court touching y^{e} Flag.
23 Recomendacon of y^{e} Almes House of Popler.
24 The Committees Observacõns concerning y^{e} Mint.
25 List of Bullion Shipped by ℔mission.

LIST OF THE PACQUET ℔ WILLIAMSON, FOR FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

No. 1 Companies Generall to the ffort 8th : February 1681.
2 Copie D^{o} Generall 18th : November 1681.
3 Copie D^{o} Generall 30 D^{o}.

LIST OF THE PACQUET ℔ WILLIAMSON, FOR FORT S^{T}. GEORGE.

4 Copie Companies Generall 30 Decemb^{r} 1681.
5 Invoice of the Williamson.
6 Bill of Lading of D^{o}.
7 Copie of D^{o} Charterparty.
8 Comp^{a} Generall to Madapollam.
9 Comp^{a} Generall to Metchlepatam.
10 List of Bullion shipped by ℔mission.
11 Sample of Calliature Wood.
12 Comp^{a} Gen^{ll} to y^{e} Fort dated Feb^{r}: 15th 1681
13 Orders of Court 25th Jan 1681 recd from S^{r} Josiah Child.

A LIST OF THE COMPANIES PACQUET ℔ THE NATHANIEL 1681. To the Eort.

No. 1 Copie of the Comp^{a} Generall of 18th November 1681 to the ffort wth a list of goods.
2 D^{o}: Copie 30th November.
3 D^{o} Copie 30 December.
4 D^{o} Copie 18 January.
5 D^{o} Copie 25 January
6 Compânies generall to the Fort 8th February 1681.
7 Comp^{a} Generall to Chief &c^{a} Metchlep^{a} 8th f^{br} list of goods.
8 Comp^{a} Genrall to Chief &c^{a} Madapoll^{m} with list &c^{a}.
9 Invoyce of the Nathaniel,
10 Bill of Ladeing D^{o}.
11 Charterparty of Nathaniel.
12 His Ma^{ties}: Proclamacõn against Interlopers.
13 Indulgence to Factors.
14 Indulgence to Seamen &c^{a}:
15 Printed rules and Orders of the Comp^{a}.
16 Recomendacõn of the Almeshouse at Popler.
17 Orders of Court of 20th August 1680.
18 List of Bullion Shipt ℔ ℔mission on the Nathaniel.
19 Sample of Calliature Wood.

LIST OF THE PACKETT & DEFENCE FOR y^{E} FORT.

No. 1 Copie of the Companies Generall to the ffort dat^{d}: 15th: March 80: 22th Aprill and 20th: May 1681.
2 Companies Generall to Fort S^{t}· George dated 18 Novemb^{r} 1681
3 Charterparty of y^{e} Defence for y^{e} Coast & Bay.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE.

LIST OF THE COMP^{AS}: PACQUET ℔ THE LANCASTER

1. Companies Generall to the ffort dated 15th ffebruary, 10 March } 1681
2. Copie of the Comp^{a} Generall dated 8 ffebruary, 18 November } 1681
3. Copies of the Comp^{a} Lres to the Bay { 30 D^{o}; 23 Decembe; 18 January; 10 March
4. Invoice of goods on the Lancaster.
5. Bill of Lading d^{o}.
6. Companies Generall to Metchlep^{a} & list of Goods dated 8th ffebruary 1681.

LIST OF THE COMP^{AS}: PACQUET Ψ THE LANCASTER.

7. Companies Generall to Madapollam and List of goods.
8. Copie of the Lancasters Charterparty.
9. List of Bullion Shipt by Permission.

The Governour & Company of Merchants of London trading to the East Indies, to all to Whom these p^{r}sents shall come greeting.

Whereas all & Singular our Affairs of Traffique & Commerce within the Bay of Bengala in y^{e} East Indies, have for severall years past been managed by a Cheif & Councel residing at Hughly in subordination to our Ag^{t} and Councel at ffort S^{t} George, on y^{e} Coast of Coromandel And Whereas y^{e} s^{d}: Gov^{r}: & Comp^{a} for severall weighty consideracõns, them thereunto moving, have thought fitt to establish and appoint, all their ffactories in y^{e} Bay of Bengala, to be managed by and under a Distinct Agency, seperate from y^{e} Agency and Governm^{t} of ffort S^{t} George, Know y^{e} that by vertue of the Charter of o^{r} Sovereign Ld Charles y^{e} Second by y^{e} Grace of God, of England Scotland ffrance & Ireland King, Defender of y^{e} Faith &c, given and granted unto Us y^{e} s^{d} Gov^{r}: & Comp^{a} bearing date y^{e} third Day of April Anno Dom̃ 1661 and in y^{e} thirteenth year of his s^{d} Ma^{ty} reign We y^{e} s^{d} Gov^{r} & Comp^{a} reposing speciall trust & Confidence in y^{e} fidelity, prudence, justice & provident circumspeccõn of W^{m} Hedges to be Agent & Gov^{r} of & for all o^{r} Affairs in y^{e} Bay of Bengala in the East Indies at Hughly, Balasore, Cassambuzar, Maulda, Dacca, Patana & of all and singular other o^{r} ffactorys & jurisdiccõns in the Bay of Bengala, Without any subordinacõn to o^{r} Agent & Councel at Fort S^{t}: George, any clause order or direccõn in o^{r} Cõmission given to W^{m}: Gufford Eq^{r}, dated y^{e} 29 Decemb^{r} 1680 to the contrary notwithstanding The S^{d}: W^{m}: Hedges to enter upon y^{e}, s^{d} Agency and Governm^{t}: imediately on his arrivall at Hughly afores^{d} & to execute all & every y^{e} Powers & Authorities thereunto appertaining and to continue in y^{e} exercise of y^{e} same during o^{r} pleasure & untill the contrary thereof shall be signified under y^{e} seal of y^{e} Gov^{r} and Comp^{a} And to end y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hedges may be the better enabled to order & manage all o^{r} Affairs. Wee doe by these p^{r}sents constitute & ordain y^{t} M^{r} Job: Charnock M^{r} John Beard M^{r} John Rih^{ds} M^{r} Francis Ellis M^{r} Joseph Dodd & M^{r} W^{m} Johnson or any five or more of them shall be from time to time a standing councell to y^{e} s^{d} W^{m}: Hedges, o^{r} Agent & Gov^{r} for managing all our Affairs in y^{e} Bay of Bengala, & wee do hereby give and grant unto o^{r} s^{d}: Agent and Gov^{r} W^{m} Hedges & to o^{r} s^{d} Councel afore named or y^{e} more part of them whereof o^{r} s^{d} Agent to be alwaies one (the whole Council being duely summoned) full power and authority from time to time to rule & govern all & every our Factors & Serv^{ts} within y^{e} s^{d} Agency to Administer lawfull Oaths as Occasion shall require and to doe and Ψforme all such other acts and things and to use & exercise all such other powers & authorities as by his Ma^{ty}: Royall Charter afore s^{d} our Agent & Gov^{r} & his Council in their severall respective Places, Where wee y^{e} s^{d} Gov^{r}: & Comp^{a} have any ffactories or Places of trade are Authorized to do according to such instructions & direccõns as he the s^{d} W^{m}: Hedges our Ag^{t}: & Gov^{r} & Councel afores^{d} shall from time to time receive under y^{e} hands of thirteen or more of y^{e} Court of Com^{tees}: of y^{e} s^{d} Comp^{a} for y^{e} time being where of the Gov^{r} or his Dep^{tie}: for y^{e} time being, to be one & wee y^{e} s^{d}: Gov^{r} & Comp^{a} do hereby order & require, all o^{r} Fact^{rs}: Serv^{ts}: Officers Souldiers and all others within y^{e} s^{d} Agency to conform submit & yeild obedience, unto him y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hedges o^{r} Agent & Gov^{r}: accordingly and for as much as it is altogether necessary y^{t} in case of y^{e} death of y^{e} s^{d} W^{m} Hedges before his arrivall at Hughly, or at any time within six months after his arrival at Hughly y^{e} affairs of our s^{d} Agency should be managed to o^{r} best advantage as well by y^{e} disposing of the stock now sent on the Comp^{a}: six ships designed for y^{e} s^{d} Agency of the Bay & in makeing Investm^{t}: and returning y^{e} same by y^{e} s^{d} ships & that the Governm^{t}: of o^{r} ffactories should be there upon provided for sooner then at so great a distance wee can be advertised thereof Wee do therefore by these p^{r}sents ordain and appoint y^{t} in such Case & not otherwise the before named John Beard shall imediately be & succeed in y^{e} place & charge of our Agent & Gov^{r}: upon his arrivall at Hughly and soe continue in y^{e} exercise of y^{e} s^{d} Agency & Governm^{t}: for y^{e} space of six months after the Decease of y^{e} s^{d} w^{m} Hedges, he dying before his arrivall at

his Majys Charter for y^{e} Compay for makeing Will^{m}: Hedges Agent & Governr of Bay bengala.

they order their Counll: in y^{e} Bay viz^{t}. Job Charnock &ca

to govern all our ffactors & Servts.

his Majys. Royll. Charter to ye Compy: their ordrs: the power of Agent & Counl^{r} there.

Hughly, or within Six monts after it being o^r^ intent & meaning y^t^ this years Investm^ts^ shall be made by y^e^ s^d^ John Beard and Council afores^d^ in case of M^r^ Hedges his death and y^t^ from and after y^e^ expiracon of y^e^ s^d^ Six mon^s^: y^e^ before named Job Charnock be and Succeed as Agent & Gov^r^: in y^e^ Bay, and in case of his death or removall then y^e^ s^d^ John Beard to be again and succeed Agent & Governour in y^e^ Stead of y^e^ s^d^ Job Charnock, and in case of y^e^ death or removall of y^e^ s^d^ John Beard then y^e^ next in degree in Council in y^e^ order herein before named to succeed in y^e^ s^d^: Agency & Governm^t^ in as full & ample manner & with as large and ample powers priviledges, and Authorities as are granted to y^e^ s^d^ W^m^ Hedges & wee doe hereby revoke annul repeal & make voyd the fores^d^ Comission by us formerly granted under our larger Seal unto W^m^ Gyfford Esq^r^ bearing date y^e^ 29^th^ of Decemb^r^ 1680 so far as concerns his being Agent & Gov^r^ of any of o^r^ Factories in y^e^ bay of Bengala, but as to ffort S^t^ George o^r^ Town of Madrasspatnam o^r^ ffactories of Metchlepatam Madapollam Pettipolee Porto Nova & all other Places where wee have or shall have any concerns on y^e^ Coast of Coromandel or y^e^ Chingy Country wee do hereby confirm our former Commission granted to y^e^ s^d^ W^m^ Gyfford Esq^r^ & bearing date as aforesaid. And for your actings & doings in all Singular y^e^ p^r^mises this shall be your sufficient Warrant & discharge in witness whereof we have caused y^e^ larger Seal of o^r^ Comp^a^ to be hereunto affixed. This fourteenth day of November Anno Regni Regis Caroli Secundi Anglia Tricessimo Tertio Annoque Dom 1681.

Compys orders to Agent &c.

Charter.

ERRORS IN CASSUMBUZAR JOURNALL W FROM MAY 1678 TO MAY 1679.

Pa		Rup^s^ :	An:	P:
4.	Bullion D^r^ to Acco^t^: Currant Hughly R^us^ 4479 : 5 : 6 Viz^t^ Standard £190–11–7 at 5 s 3 d ℔ Oz^e^ £501 : 13 : 7 & R^us^ 4459 : 5 : 6 Esset 601 : 9 : 7 & R^up^ 5346 : 8 Und^r^ ...	887	2	6
5.	Sundry Accompts D^r^ to Acco^t^ Curr^t^ Hughly R^s^ 23521 : 8 (viz) Copper plates 371 Ma: 14 see at 38½ r ℔ Ma R 14287 Esset R 14296 : 15 Undervalued	9 :	15 :	–
7.	Chuttermull Saw D^r^ to Bullion R 5457–12 viz^t^ 2 Ingotts sicca w^t^ : R^up^ 5745 at 210 each 240 R Esset Rup: 5026-12 Overcharged	431 :	– :	–
24.	Accompt Currant Hughly D^r^ to Maulda Cloth R 3176 : 12 : 9 viz Mulmulls-belly 86 yt̃s at 6–12 rs R 580 Esset R^up^ 580–8 Underch̃	– :	8	–
	Ditto White Silk of Seerpore D^r^ to Jessop Nimdun R 13949 : 14 : 3 viz^t^ Winding of 181 Ma: at 21 r ℔ Ma R 3806–4 Esset 3801 Overch̃	5 :	4 :	–
26.	Accompt Currant Hughly D^o^ to Sundry Acco^ts^ R 120547: 13 : 9 (viz) Raw Silk Tannee 800 See at R 3 : 4 : ℔ see, 3100 Esset 2600 Overch̃ r	500	0	–
28.	Ditto Accompt vix White Silk Seerpore 7^th^ sort 10 see at 1 r : 4 A : ℔^r^ seer R 13 : 2 Esset 12 : 8 Overcharged ...	–	10	–
	Ditto Accompt (vix) Silk Europe Dye skey 6 pc̃s at R 8 each 52 Esset R 48 Overcharged	4	–	–
29.	Chuttermull Saw D^r^: to Bullion R: 65217: 8 : 3 viz Chest N^o^: 22 : 9216 : 17⅞ Esset 9225 : 17⅞ underch̃ ...	9	–	–
30.	Ditto Acc^o^ (viz) Chest N^o^: 48 R 8331 : 35 Ma : 4 : 7/16 Esset 8330 : 6 : 4 5/16 Overcharged	1 :	29	3/16

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Pa		Rups:	An:	P:
31.	Sundry Accots Dr to Acco[t] Currant Hughly Ps. 1018: 9: (viz) Rarities in totall £16: 4: 9 Esset £15: 11: 6 overcharged £12: 6: & R.	5:	9:	–
	Ditto. Acco (viz) broad Cloth fine 21 yds fine Green at 15 s ℔ yard 16: 2: 6 Esset 15:15 Overcharged 17: 6 s d and R.	3:	5:	–
32.	Mulda & Seerepore Cloth Dr to Jessod Nudun R 15029 9 r (viz) Comission on 11081: 8: 9 at 3¾ ℔ Cent 438 r Esset 415: 8 Overcharged	22:	8:	–
35.	Chuttermul Saw Dr to Bullion (viz) Chest N° 78: 9197: 22 r M 5 see 3/16 Esset 9297: 22: 5 1/16 underch 100 & in Tot: att 209½ Each 240	87:	4:	–
36	Luckin Saw &c Dr to lead R 227: 4 (viz) 25: 32 Ma see at 8: 12 r a ℔ Ma: Esset 225: 12: Overcharged ...	1	8	–
38	Cash Dr to Sundry Accots Rs. 13496: 13: (viz) Recd from Mr Himners 25: 4 Ma see: ¾ at 17 r ℔ Ma 439: 509 Esset 427–3 Overcharged	12:	5:	6
39	Acco[t] Present Dr to Sundry Accots R 215: 2: (viz) Persian Tobaccoe 5½ See at 8 r ℔ Ma 2 r: 12 Esset 1:1:7 overcharged...	1:	10:	5
40	Sundry Accompts Dr to Sallary payable in England R 544: 12: 9 (viz) Rich Smith at £56 ℔ Anñ, when ye Cheif is bid at £30 and if at £30 then Being Charged At R 149–t. Esset 133 r: 5: 6 Overcharged	16:	–:	6

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5	Cash Dr viz to sundry Acco: R 982: 6: 9 Esset as ℔ Journall poz R 982–59* overcharged	–	1	–
6	Ditto Dr: part viz in totall 424912: 1: 6 Esset 424912: 6: 6 under...	–	5	–
11	Charges Genll: Dr: to Fitch Needham 28 febr 582: 8* Esset as ℔ Journall pa 34: M 5828: 9 see: underchared	–	–	9
16	Chuttermullsaw Dr 28 August to Rlls ⅛ 23058: 9: 5: Esset as ℔r Journall pa: 1133058: 9: 5 underchared 10000:	–	–	
	Ditto Dr part 6 febr 455: 11 Esset as ℔ Journall 455: Overcharged	–	11	–
	Ditto Cr part 16 febr R 23000 Esset as pr Journall R 33000 undercharged... ... ... 10000:	–	:	–

[* *Sic* in original.]

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Page		Rupees	An.	P.
17	Bullion Cr 3d January 63217: 8: 3: esset as pr Journall page 30th 65217: 8: 3: undercharged ...	2000:	–:	–
	Ditto Cr part in totall 281191: 1: 8 Esset as ℔ Journall pa 33 R 286191: 1: 8 undercharged ...	5000:	–:	–

ERRORS IN HUGHLY W JOURNALL FROM MAY 1678 TO MAY 1679.

4	Cash Dr to Sundry Accompts Rup 1943 (viz) Lead 37 Rup 307 15 at 8 ℔Ma Esset R 299 Overcharged	8:	–:	–
7	Cassumbuzar Factory Dr to silver Ingotts R 4479: 5 (viz) 2 silver Ingotts N° 8: & 9 stand £ 190 s 11 d 7 as ℔ Ivoice [*sic*] ℔ 141 at s 5 d 3 ℔ oz 501: 13: 7 & R 44559: 5: 6 Esset £ 601: 9: s 7 d & Rup 5346: 8 undercharged	887:	2:	6
9	Sundry Accots Dr to Cash R 5054: 14 (viz) totall in yt page R 4322 Esset R 4422–1 undercharged ...	100:	–:	–
8	Cassumbuzar Factory Dr to sundry Accompts R 27918 (viz) vermillion 26: 22 at R 148 ℔ Ma 3257: 3 Esset 3853: 8 Overcharged...	4:	11:	–
16	Sundry Accots: Dr to Cash R 26775–14 (viz) Salt Peter blo Refind { 602 at 4: 4 ℔m 2100 / 240 at 4: 2 ℔m 1461 } 3561 Esset R 3548–8 Overcharged...	12:	8:	–
	Ditto Ma 154 at R A 3 12 R 578: 4 Esset 577: 8 Overcharged	–:	12:	–
18	Ballasore Factory Dr to Sundry Accot R 1058 (viz) broad Clothes Ord 3 ℔estt £ 39 & R 346–8 Esset 346–11 undercharged	3*:	–:	–
24	Sundry Accots Dr to Cassumbuzar factory R 120547: 13: 9 (viz) fahans 1 ba: cot: [100] pes at R 4: 8: R 462: 8 Esset R 450 Overcharged ...	12:	8:	–
	Ditto Cassaes 1 ba cot: 50 pes Adaties 30 pes & Seer bands 14 pes in all 100 pes at R 7: 15: ea R 783–12 Esset 793: 12: undercharged	10:	–	–
	Ditto Mulmulls 300 pes at R 7: 14 R 2126–4 Est: 2362: 8 undercharged	136:	8:	–
	Ditto Adaties Tanjeebs & Seerebands 100 pes at R 4: 14 R 528: 12 Esset R 487: 8 Overcharged... ...	41:	14:	–
32	Decca Factory Dr to sundry accots (viz) lead lb 66: qrs 13: at s 15 ℔lb £ 50: s 11: d 3 & R 449-8 Esset 445 overcharged	4:	8:	–
	Ditto broad Cloth fine (viz) { 6 pes at lb 18–108 / 6 pes at 20: 120 } 228 & R 2022–5 Esset R 2026–11 overcharged	4.	6:	–

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Page.		Rups.	A.	P.
38	Sundry Acco^{ts} D^{r} to Lead R 1668–4 (viz) Wuttera sawma 152–19 see at R 8 ℔ ma R 1255 : 8 Esset 1219 : 12 : 9 Overcharged	35 :	11 :	3
40	Ditto Accompts D^{r} to Edin Rugden 2 ba : at R 6 : 12 : 6 ℔ ba R 13 : 12 : 6 Esset 13 : 9 : Overcharged ...	–:	3 :	6
48	Sundry Accompts D^{r} to Sallary payable in England R 2091 : 4 : 3 (viz) Jose Hall ½ of 18 Months sallary at £40 ℔ Añu R 266 : 6 : 6 Esset 266 : 10 : 6 undercharged	–:	–:	4
	Ditto Edm : Rugden ½ of 1 yeare & 9 Months at £30 ℔ Añ and an Increce of £10 ℔ Añ for 9 Months R 266 : 6 : 6 : Esset 266 : 10 : 6 ... und^{r}	–:	– :	4
	Ditto John Smith ½ of 18 M^{o} at 40£ ℔ Añ R 266 : 6 : 6 Esset 266 : 10 : 6 und^{r}	:	– –:	4
	Ditto Jn^{o} Byam ½ of 1 y^{er} & 7 m^{o} at 20£ ℔ añ Rup 138 : 4 : Esset 140 : 12 undercharged.. ...	:	– 2 :	8
51	Sundry Accompts D^{r} to Ballasore factory Rup 259583 : 1 ; 11 (viz) Broad Cloths Ord ba : 20 at £ 820 : 4 : 6 & R 7218 : 9 : 6 Esset 7290 : 14 : 6 und^{r}	:	72	5*

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5	Sloop Ganges D^{r} to Ballasore Factory Rup 3069 : 6 : 6 Esset as ℔ Journall 3069 : 6 : 2 Overcharged ...	: –	:	4
	Ditto D^{r} part in totall R 9240 : 2 : 6 Esset 9343 : 2 undercharged	102 :	13 :	8
19	Broad Clothes Ord C^{r} part March 6 yds ½ R 2 : 12 Esset as ℔ Journall R 3 : 12 undercharged	1 :	0 :	0
21	White Lead C^{r} part by Arrivall ketch 1¼ seer 4 pice Esset as ℔ Journall 4^{a} undercħ	–:	3 :	8
45	Casharee Romalls C^{r} part in totall R 14691 : 8 Esset 14692–8 Undercharged	1 :	–	–

Coppy Irreguler Entries & Expences brought to acco^{t} In Cassumbuzar Books M begun y^{e} 30 Sep^{br} : 1671 & ending y^{e} 30th 7ber 1672 Mat : Vincent Cheif.

foll : 2 & 3 Irregular Entries & Expences in Cassembusar books.

The Comp^{a} : take notice of y^{e} Charge of Ru 3606 : 14¾ ag^{t} : M^{r} Hall & doe Approve of y^{e} Cheifs care therein to doe y^{m} : right wherein he may find y^{t} they are abused But in s^{d} Acco^{t} : is wanting y^{e} ℔ticulers of Gould Morees sold ℔ s^{d} M^{r} Hall and brought to acco^{t} at an under rate & they doe require y^{t} y^{e} same Justice be done y^{m} ag^{t} all others y^{t} have or shall here after wrong them on any pretence whatsoinever. Ru. 3606 : 14¾

8. Cash D^{r} to Silk punjee rũ 2220 pd severall Picars on silk by them brought in more y^{n} they Reed mony for as also w^{t} wanting in severall bales at severall packings, w^{ch} : is an abstruce Entry not Eesy to be understood, and in a gross some wth :out Mencoñing y^{e} ℔ticulers w^{ch} y^{e} Compa : doe not allow nor approve of any such Entry to be made in y^{r} books, But doe recharge it againe on M^{r} Vincent to make it good to their Cash untill such time as he gives a better & more sattisfactory reason & acco^{t} therof. reed 2220.

The foregoin ℔ticulers mencõned in his ℔cell are found to be M^{r} Marshes Remaynes which M^{r} Vincent hath well done in bringing by themselves y^{t} y^{e} Comp^{a} may be sattisfied of every mans accõns ℔ticulerly but doe blame M^{r} Vincent ℔ticulerly In seeking to Hide or Smother M^{r} Marshes unfaithfull deling wth : y^{e} Comp^{a} when he discovers others w^{ch} : it may be he is angry wth : for it is evident by this & the

* [*Sic* in original.]

preseding parcell foll 7 M^r^ Marches Remains of Taffatyes y^t^ s^d^ M^r^ Marsh hath wronged y^e^ Comp^a^: ru 2 ℔ce in most of y^e^ taffatyes sent home by him anno 1670 & 4 an ℔ seere on silk, w^ch^ would have more ℔fectly appeared if the above s^d^ ℔cell had bin truly & plainly Entred, as how much Eech person brought in uppon Remaynes & at w^t^: rate w^ch^ yet y^e^ Comp^a^ ord^r^: to be fully done by y^e^ Cheif & Councell at Cassumbuzar soe that they may be righted ag^t^ M^r^ Marches Execut^rs^ here.

In y^e^ same fo^ll^: as also in fo^ll^ 24 we noate y^e^ Overrate in packing we being informed y^t^ it is a Custome in y^e^ Bay to put downe at Certaine rate for Imbaling whereby y^e^ Warehouskeepers &c^t^ gaines to himselfe & 10 ℔ Cente by his ℔tencis, and to y^e^ power are Resolved to ℔vent y^e^ Doing the same; in Compliance to w^ch^ doe ord^r^ y^t^ noe more be brought to acco^t^ for s^d^: or any other Charges then Really Expended & that their factors doe forbare y^t^ work of Superrogation In laying or ℔ tending to lay out their owne mony for packing stuff for y^t^ they doe not like that any such dishonest gaines should accrew to any of their servants & therefore doe Charge y Cheif w^th^ y^e^ whole untill he discharge himselfe by their acco^ts^ who have wronged y^e^ Comp^a^ therein y^e^ over rate in boath ℔cells Anno. £ 869: 6.

The Comp^a^ take notice of Rup: 246: 8 Jn^o^ Marsh hath Credit for amongst which is ru 180 for an old hors writt off in Jou^ll^: L pa: 26 as being both old & overrated ℔ s^d^ M^r^ March altho y^e^ Comp^a^ are pleased y^t^ thire factor^s^ acco^ts^ espetially those Dec̃d should have their due Creditt yet they Cannot but take notice of your ℔ticulares therein giving y^e^ acco^t^ of M^r^ Marches Creditt in such A disputable Case & in y^e^ mene time omit to give them for y^e^ proffitt of Quicksilver & other goods Mencõned in s^d^ ℔cells in books L pa: 26 Charged only to y^e^ p^o^ Costs in which there was noe dispute at all but it ought to have bin soe done & y^e^ comp^a^ doe Expect y^e^ Cheif & Councell should fully adjust y^t^ busines y^t^ they may have the full mony made of s^d^ goods w^ch^ accor^s^ to Informacõn given y^m^: ȳ^an^: ℔^r^ seer in the Quicks^r^

18. Merch^ts^: of Cassumbuzar D^r^ to Sandall Wood rũ: 624 to be p̃^d^ in 3 mo^th^: time which is a Irreguler Entrice & in Case y^e^ Cheif had died in this time of whome should y^e^ Comp^a^ recover this some being M^r^ Vincent as M^r^ Marsh before him keepes altransactions in huggermoger as y^e^ Comp^a^ are Informed.

19. Charges Genn^ll^: D^r^ to Cash Expended by M^r^ Tho Vincent in Journying to Ballasore from Hughly in July last & Sence to Hughly & Cassumbuzar w^th^ his family rũ 151: 8 an which appears to be a much greater Charge y^n^ yet hetherto hath bin recoved by any & some pte of it nedless as M^r^ Vincents Journey from Hughly to Ballasore & thence to Hughly againe besides y^e^ ℔ticulers not being Entred y^e^ Comp^a^ require ℔ticulers y^t^ they may Judge thereof w^th^ A Reason or acco^t^ of y^e^ Nessessity of shuch Expence Ru 151: 8.

20. Charges Gen^ll^ D^r^ to Cash ru 20 sent to Rojamaull to Repare the House there this is y^e^ first Intimacõn given to y^e^ Company y^t^ they have any house at Rojamaull & they doe Expect a full acco^t^: thereof.

Joseph Hall D^r^ to Proffitt & loss ru: 235 being soe much he Creditted himselfe in last books for Board Wages w^ch^: Acco^t^: he ballanced by Profit & Loss which not being allowed by M^r^ Walter Clavell &c^a^ at Hughly but by y^m^ ord^ed^: to be plased to his acco^t^ therefore he is here made D^r^ for the same 235.

24. Cash D^r^ to Rupees sicco for w gained on 122000 being sold one w^th^ the other on w^ch^ was Gained in the whole ru 1195½ its supposed y^t^: all these ru: were not sold att once being rec'd att severall tymes and why such a short Acco^t^: should be made of the same soe dissonant to the rules of Merch^ts^ in Genn^ll^: and y^e^: Comp^as^: Instructions to y^e^ ffactories in ℔ticuler cannot otherwise be Imagined but y^e^: y^e^: Cheife hath not delte well with y^e^ Comp^a^: therein y^e^: Comp^a^: doe order y^t^: noe such Lump or Groce ℔cell bee Enterd in the bookes but Every thing daly duly and truly and as ℔ticulerly as may w^th^ Conveniency be done y^t^: soe they may the better Judge of Every ℔ticuler ℔cell soe Entred in the books as it ought.

26. Charges Genn[ll] D[r] to Cash rũ 65 : 8 ℔[d] a Country docter sent for from Hughly there being none good in this place M[r] Vincent and severall in y[e] factory being sick of feavours his Boat hire forward & backwards and diet whilst here & his fee am[o] : to Ru 65 : 8 w[ch] semes to extrôrdinary and although y[e] Comp[a] would not y[t] y[e] facto[rs] should want the best meanes in such Cases yet they cannot but put them in mind to be frugall in all their Expences &c[a] w[ch] they shall allwayes Require at their hands.

Voyage to Rojamaull D[r] to Jn[o] March rũ 2289½ which is for y[e] Vakeeles wages p[r]sents &c[a] Expences at s[d] : place in disposing of y[e] Companys Bullion sent up last yeare by M[r] Vincent y[e] Comp[a] cannot but wonder at y[e] creditt given M[r] March & y[t] y[e] ℔son is thus p[d] such a considerable som when it doth not appear he hath given an acco[t] of their s[d] Estate Committed to his trust ℔ M[r] March & this Some p̃[d] appears to be a loss of so much mony to them whereas they might well have Expected Gaine & moreover y[e] Comp[a] take notice y[t] in M[r] Marches Last books L y[e] acco[t] of y[e] s[d] : M[r] March is Charged w[th] : rũ 884 : 5 annos for ballance of y[t] acco[ts] of silver sent to Rojamaull but by the subsequent acco[t] in books M where Silver sent p̃[r] M[r] Vincent y[e] next yeare, at y[e] same rates to Rojamaull to the amo[t] of Reup 211166 y[t] was gained rũ 19009 & by y[e] same proporcõn the 87195 rũ sent ℔ M[r] March should have produced ru 7849 if not more & by this acco[t] y[e] Comp[a] appeare to be wronged near rũ 7000 ℔ M[r] Marches acco[t] : thus ballans[d] w[ch] : altho it may be done Ignorantly by the acco[t]tant yet M[r] Vincent could not but understand y[e] matter fully when he p̃[d] y[e] person aboves[d], who if he had bin as Zealous of y[e] Comp[a] Intrest as M[r] Marches would have done y[m] Right in this as well as Creditted M[r] March as afores[d], & the Comp[a] doe Enor[dr] : y[e] Cheif & Councell to Consider thereof for they are not Sattisfied y[t] their Treasure should be Adventured in the hands of Natives to their Loss.

y[e] Comp[a] doe observe y[t] you Charge y[m] at Interest high Contrary to Ord[r] : & although you have bin plentifully furnished w[th] Treasure above y[e] ℔portion of goods required from you, also you have drawn on y[m] by Exchа to y[e] vallue of [*Lacuna in the original*] yet you have takne up at Interest severall somes am[o] to r [*Lacuna in the original*] w[ch] Somes at Interest altho they are takene up at reasonable rates as 1 & 1¼ ℔ C[to] : yet y[e] Company cannot think that their is any such necessety for such Conside[ble] Somes of mony so takene up at Intrest & doe ord[r] : y[t] y[e] Cheif and Councell doe forbare to put any unnessessary Charge uppon them, y[e] Comp[a] take notice y[t] you Continue to adventure y[t] Treasure in the Hands of Natives to Rojamaull (as M[r] Marsh did before you & that w[th] : out Consultacõn) there to be sold or Coyned as you Express it but you doe not in yo[r] s[d] books forme any Acco[t] : of y[e] s[d] Coynage nor say w[t] : was sould or w[t] Coyned, if you Consult y[e] Compã rules & ord[rs] : &c[a] : you will finde y[t] you doe not as you ought comply w[th] : y[m] & such yo[r] Rash adventuring of their Estates they Cannot approve of but declare w[t] : ever Cassually may happne therein or damage occure to them thereby they doe Expect full reparacõn to be made them by the Cheife, & doe by these reinforce y[e] former Instruccon & ord[r] : y[t] if any imergency should happne for y[e] putting of their Estate treax &c[a] y[t] you doe it ℔ Consultacõn sending only [*sic*] or more of their ablest facto[rs] there with & not to trust y[e] natives only.

The Silke Invoyced home this year falls short in weight much more than any Ever did before being near 12 ℔ C which in y[e] whole ℔cell is very Considerable & for w[ch] they require Satisfaction from the Cheif for y[t] they are informed y[t] insted of 72 Tolas ℔ seere y[t] is allowed to y[m] only 68 Tol[s] ℔ seere, y[t] in all byings & Sellings y[e] Cheif doth get without Consultacõn Keeping all things secritt from y[e] servants of the fac[toy] w[th] him.

The taffatyes also we are informed are much overrated those reconed or rated as you terme it 8 rũ ℔ peece we are Informed cost one w[th] : another noe more then 6[qr] & those of 7½ Cost but 6 rũ or little more those of 7 rũ Cost 6 rũ &c[a] : which in the whole is above one rup ℔ pece overrated y[e] S[d] reconing of one Rup ℔ pece amounts to 13072.

Which Informacõn as it Comes from one who is well acquaintted w^th^ y^e^ same so we give Creditt thereunto & Charge the overrate to y^e^ Cheifs acco^t^, untill y^e^ Contrary be fully made out to us here y^e^ Comp^a^ Expect from the Cheif to have right done them, in the true prices of y^e^ goods both bought & sould for they Cannot answer it in respect of y^t^ trust Committed to them Neither will they suffer any such abuses to pas and therefore doe stricktly Ord^r^: & Comand y^e^ Cheif & Councell to take good heede thereto & to give them a full & sattisfactory acco^t^ thereof, for y^t^ otherwise they cannot but require it to be made good to them by the offending party & his security.

Charges Brought to Accomp^t^: in these bookes.

9. Charges Gennerall rũ 5147: 9½ Charges diet rũ 1529 w^th^ 2 famulyes 16 Acco^t^ Presents 211: 6 y^e^ Charges for this year are much higher y^n^ ever they were & good ℔ce^l^ of y^e^ Charges Genn^ll^: belongs to Charges diett & although you Seeme to plead Some Excuse for it where you name y^e^ nomber of ℔sons and w^th^: all Express y^t^ 2 famulies did reside there at once &^t^ you are to take notice y^t^ the Comp^a^: will not pay all y^e^ facto^rs^: Salleréys & beare al the Charge of their Numerous famuleys which may be very Exorbitant & Extravigant as this seemes to be.

Notwithstanding y^t^ mencõn is made in severall places of severall ℔sons or facto^rs^ at Cassumbuzar yet noe Consultacõn appearing its evident y^t^ M^r^ Vincent y^e^ ℔sant Cheif walkes after y^e^ Stepps of M^r^ March his ℔^r^dicessor in doing all things by himselfe & according to his one will w^th^:out Consultacõn w^ch^: y^e^ Compa doe soe Highly resent in Case they doe not find y^e^ Cheif to mend in this ℔ticuler they ord^r^: y^t^ all Miscariges to their ℔^r^judice be Charged to his ℔ticule acco^t^: whome they Cannot Esteeme to be faithfull to them so long as he acts contrary to all ord^rs^ & Instruccõns whatsoever given.

y^e^ Gennerall acco^ts^ are Badly Writtne &c^a^: Objeccõns against severall ℔ticulers in Cassumbuzar Books N: O: P: Q & R from 30^th^ 7ber 1672 to 30 Apr^ll^ 1677 Matt Jourll Vincent Cheif in Book N 25 the Companye find there Acco^t^: Currant Debitted of Rupes for A.

Compasicon as ℔^r^tended p^d^ on y^e^ Death of Rago Ponder	13387–
More for ℔^r^sents given on said Accompt	269– 9
More Rugo Powdars debt hereby Lost	521– 2
besides other Moneys disburst in Charges not yet discovered ru	14177–11

Now although this busines of Rugo Powder hath past under some Exammenacõn yet it being at such a time when M^r^ Vincent was in power as Cheif and thereby inabled to injure any of those w^ch^: should accuse him &c^a^ yet by y^e^ Examinacõn takene he appears not fully innosent in y^t^ matter altough much of y^e^ truth seemed to lye hid which its hoped will noe all of it out there as well as here & the Comp^a^ require there Agent & Councell to Right them herein

in Book N 19.	Charges Genne^ll^: is made D^r^: to Cash for M^r^ Vincents Traveling charges as s^d^: to and from Ballasore			rũ 150: 0
in Book O 7	M^r^ Vincents Charges to Hughly ru	60: 07	234–0	542: 2
9	D^o^ Going to hott Bathes ru	64: 02		
13	More Arrack given away in 3 y^ers^ time .. .. ru	110: 00		
in Book P 7	M^r^ Vincets Charges to & from Ballasore	148: 02	158–2	
	Boat hire w^th^: M^r^ Vincents serv^ts^ Nessera	10		

The Charges above s^d^ being Large & much exceeding others on the like occations who are Allowed from 10 to 20 Rupees at y^e^ most y^e^ Comp^a^: have allways

directed y^t^ noe more be Expended in Journeys &c uppon their acco^t^: y^n^ w^t^: is of Absolute Nesessity & that a good reason be rendred for y^e^ same for y^t^ any over charge or pompous & unnecessary Traynes to Inflame their charge they doe not allow of but Enord^r^ y^t^: M^r^ Vincent doe make them good w^th^ interest, whatever shall appear soe wastfully spent herein & as to ru 64 spent in going to hot Baths & arrack given Away in 3 years time they belong to M^r^ Vincent only, y^e^ Comp^a^ sending out Medicens yearly and doe not approve of giving Away y^e^ estate at pleasure but Enord^r^: y^t^ each ℔ticuler persons make good his one bounty as well as Charity w^th^: his one Estate as is both Equall and Just.

in Book P 3 Profitt & Loss made D^r^ to Merch^ts^: of Sedulapoore s̃^d^ to be expended in Warehous Roome & serv^ts^: wages there Rũ 140: 10

which is an abuse only y^e^ goods dl̃d them being sold at a sett price to be P^d^ in M^o^: 4 time & soe Consequently nothing could be due for warehous roome at Sedulapoore y^e^ Comp^a^ reqire y^t^ they be Righted herein & y^e^ mony p^d^: them back as It ought or made good by M^r^ Vincent &c^a^ who allowed of such an unjust p^r^tence to their prejudice.

Objeccons ag^t^: some ℔ticulers In Cassumbuzar Books N: O: P: Q & R Continued.

mds see

D^o^ Jour^ll^ 20 Voyage to Rojamaull D^r^ to Cash for 12: 20: Lead & silver rũ 437: 8 mixt being y^e^ same ℔sell sould 3 8ber last Jour^ll^: page 3^d^ it doth fully appeare y^t^ this ℔cell was Remains of w^t^: Coyned at Rojamaull 1672 and then sold to some Merch^ts^: of Coassumbuzar w^th^: other treasure but how Cash Comes to have Creditt for this ℔cell is such a Riddle that cannot here be Resolved for if the Merch^ts^: did not Require this mixt mettle at Rojamaull, they & not Cash ought to have credit for y^e^ same, But it semes here to be A doble Error in Cash to be Examined and Rectified.

in Books R Its observed y^t^ their is brought as Remaines in y^e^ hand of the Weav^rs^: 36257: 6

But justly is very questionable or W^t^: ℔te: thereof is really due from s^d^ Weavo^rs^ in Reguard y^t^ this acco^t^ in all these books appears to be only an acco^t^: in gross Somes, y^e^ Entries Abstruce and unsattisfactory every some charged as p̃^d^ to s^d^: Weavours being questionable and the rather in regard y^t^ in books Q Jour^ll^: pã to Cash is made D^o^ to weavo^rs^ ru 1575 s^d^: to be Charged by mistake to s^d^ Weavo^rs^: acco^t^: more then was really p̃^d^ them which Error not being discoverable by y^e^ books sent more such may be made wherefore y^e^ Comp^a^ enorder y^t^ the ℔ticuler acco^ts^ of these Weavours be looked into and they Exam̃d: as to w^t^: really remaines in their hands y^t^ what ever shall be found to Come shorte may be made good by s^d^ M^r^ Vincent frm M^r^ Marsh remaines in books L M^r^ Vincent haveing in his answer to y^e^ audito^rs^ queryes oned y^e^ receiving y^e^ s^d^ M^r^ Marches remaynes as good & Certified the Comp^a^ touching M^r^ Marches Estate to be Cleare from error as to s^d^ remaynes &c^a^:

In all these Books Its noted That both Charges Genn^ll^: & Charges Diett are great y^e^ Latter much exceding y^e^ Comp^a^ allowance to alleviate which its Hinted in severall places that two famuleys as wel as single persons were in diett at s^d^: times It hath bin hinted in the former paper sent y^t^ y^e^ Comp^a^ are not obliged to Maintain famulyes in diett only y^e^ facto^rs^: to whome they allow wages soe y^t^ what appears £ Expended more then y^e^ Comp^a^ allowance of 20 ℔ head &c^a^ is to be made good by M^r^ Vincent y^e^ Cheif who ought to have taken due Care herein.

Its further Observed that in these & petty Charge books Linnen & other Nesessaryes bought for the factorys use & which are stores or houshold necessaryes in being are writt off by Charges Genn^ll^: as if spent soe soone as bought which is a Controdiccon to y^e^ Comp^as^: orders. That A ℔ticuler Acco^t^: should be kept of all stores & Nessessaryes in use & not writt off by Charges Gennerall untill spent & then a good reason to be rendred for such Expence &c^t^: But these things haveing already bin writtne abo^t^

in former papers sent & not at All Complyed w^th^ : by M^r^· Vincent who as its imformed acts abitrarely & absolutely y^e^ Comp^a^ Enorder y^t^ a ℔ticuler acco^t^ be now taken of all Stores & Necessaryes in being and that w^t^ shall appear imbazalled be made good by M^r^· Vincent &c^t^ :

Its further Obseved [*sic*] from y^e^ Books of Charges Genn^ll^ and y^t^ Beetle Nut paper & inck firewood & oyle w^th^ : Clouts for the Lamps & Candles are Monthly reconed at one price w^ch^ : shews y^e^ same Computed only for its not probale y^t^ these charges should be alike in every month wherefore there must be some p^r^tended perquisite raysed hereby w^ch^ : the Comp^a^ allow not of, but Enord^r^ : y^t^ noe more be reconed then what really spent & y^t^ those who have appropriated to themselves any gaine by such reconings doe make it good w^th^ : Interest to their acco^t^ or M^r^· Vincent y^e^ Cheife for permitting such Irregularityes.

Its farther Observed y^t^ in these books there are many short & abstruce Entries made (viz) of Moneys s^d^ to be delivered to Silk Merch^ts^ : & Weavors for silk or taffityes but noe mecon made of how much silke or how many Taffityes are to be Brought in for y^e^ same w^ch^ : is a great peece of negligence at y^e^ best for its fully knowne y^t^ uppon Each peece of Taffitye and Seere of Silk Moneys are imprested (viz) from 2 to 4 ru ℔pece a Seere according to y^e^ Bargaine made, by these short Entries serve only to Keepe y^e^ Comp^a^ : in y^e^ Darke, both as to prizes and complyance of the Weavours &c^a^ : w^th^ their Contracts & to impose uppon them without any possability of Contradiction y^e^ Comp^a^ : Expect y^t^ right be done them herein (viz).

Po That all Contracts & Monyes d̃ld uppon y^e^ same as daly duly & truly soe alsoe ℔ticulerly & w^th^ : such syrcomestances as may render y^e^ same Intelligable as to quantities & prizes agreed uppon & Espetially when Silk or taffatyes are brought in weighed or measured, to Enter y^e^ quantities & prizes of such goods plainly ℔ticulerly & not as in these books to Creditt y^e^ Silke Merch^ts^ : by Bayles & monye & the weavours acco^t^ : by y^e^ word Taffatayes & by Mony w^th^ : out any ℔ticulers w^ch^ : appears to be very strange ℔cells soe y^t^ w^t^ ever wrong y^e^ Comp^a^ : have sustayned thereby y^e^ Agent & Councell are Required to doe them Right herein and alsoe to see in y^e^ future y^t^ in y^e^ Ledger as well as the Journall an acco^t^ : be held of peeces of taffatayes and m̃ds & Sere of Silk recd : in & delivered out & the same to be ballanced as well as y^e^ monye in y^e^ sev^ll^ : folios where shuch acco^ts^ : are keept w^ch^ : ought to be &^t^ :

y^e^ Comp^a^ : Were formerly advised from y^e^ Bay y^t^ M^r^ Vincent did wrong them both in y^e^ Prizes & weight of Silk & in y^e^ Price of taffatayes (viz) from one to two Rupees uppon Eeach peece of Taffatayes &^t^ as by y^e^ former papers sent may appear w^ch^ : thing Although it hath bin under Examination yet w^th^ : some disadvantagious Cyrcumtances as afores^d^ wherefore its thought requisite y^t^ the same things againe be more fully Looked into, and the Books as well as the ℔sons Consulted w^th^ : , y^t^ y^e^ truth hereof may more evidently appeare and Comp^a^ be sattisfieed therein.

its further Observed y^t^ Too many punes & India servants are Imployed more y^n^ can be thought Nessessarye, being 2 or 3 Cooks and assistance with a Goatekeeper & a dogg keeper w^ch^ : Last 2 seeme to be absurd things here, & not worke for any one ℔sone much less for two wherefore herein as in all others y^e^ Compa Require frugallyty ; & y^t^ noe more be employed then w^t^ : is of absolute Necessity &c and the overcharg herein to be made good by M^r^ Vincent who ought to have followed y^e^ ord^rs^ given him by the Company in this Matter &c^t^.

The Companye reserve Liberty to themselves to make such further Oblegcons &c^a^.

To the Books and acco^ts^ : & Irregularities of M^r^ Vincent at y^e^ Bay and Cassambuzar as they shall hereafter discover to have bin acted by y^e^ s^d^ M^r^ Vincent to their P^r^judice.

P^o^ Decemb^r^ : 1681. By Ord^r^ : of y^e^ Governour & signed ℔ P C^o^ssen &^c^ Audito^rs^.

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